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RAILWAYS RESCUED 84,000 AT-RISK CHILDREN FROM TRAINS AND STATIONS

The Railway Protection Force rescued 84,119 children who were at risk in stations and trains since 2018, the Union railways ministry said

70% OF CHILDREN HAD RUN AWAY FROM HOME

Close to 70% of the children rescued under 'Operation Nanhe Farishtey' had run away from their homes for various reasons including parental abuse and poverty. Among the rest, some had been kidnapped and others were left behind by their parents or got lost. The ministry said the RFP is raising awareness about the persistent issue of child runaways |P9

MORE THAN 4,600 RESCUES THIS YEAR

- So far this year, the force has rescued more than 4,600 children. About 3,400 of them have been identified as runaways
- The railways has established child helpdesks at over 135 railway stations. When a child is rescued, they are handed over to the District Child Welfare Committee, which hands them over to parents

17,756

CHILDREN RESCUED IN 2022, THE HIGHEST SINCE OPERATION NANHE FARISHTEY WAS LAUNCHED

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After backlash, policy on job quota for Kannadigas on ice

CM says final decision will be taken after discussion at cabinet meet

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AFTER a backlash from the private sector, the Karnataka government on Wednesday night decided to put on hold its proposed policy providing reservation for Kannadigas in jobs in the sector. "The bill is still in the preparation stage. A final decision will be taken after a comprehensive discussion at the next cabinet meeting," Chief Minister Siddaramaiah said.

The Karnataka State Employment of Local Candidates in the Industries, Factories & Other Establishments Bill, 2024, recently got the cabinet's nod. The bill proposes 50% reservation in jobs in the private sector in the management category and 75% in non-management category for Kannadigas.

Industry bodies had urged the government to reconsider its decision. The trade bodies had stated that the proposed 100% reservation of Group 'C' and 'D' jobs for Kannadigas violated the constitutional provisions.

Industries Minister MB Patil said the CM has taken due cognizance. "The bill is withheld until further consultations and due diligence. Industry leaders needn't panic. The government is committed to creating more jobs, and furthermore for Kannadigas, however, in a more amicable manner," the minister said.

The government's decision to withhold the bill came after concerns expressed by many industry leaders. Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw, executive chairperson and founder, Biocon Limited and Biocon Biologics Limited, said, "As a tech hub, we need skilled talent and whilst the aim is to provide jobs for locals we must not affect our leading position in technology by this move. There must be caveats that exempt highly skilled recruitment from this policy."

Former chief finance officer of Infosys Mohandas Pai said the bill should be junked. He termed it "discriminatory", "regressive" and "against the Constitution". P4

'Jobs for every Kannadiga'

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Wednesday said his govt wants every Kannadiga to get jobs in Karnataka. "We are a pro-Kannada government," he said. P4

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ED: ST Corpn fund spent on liquor during LS elections

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ENFORCEMENT Directorate, which is probing the alleged multi-crore scam in the Maharshi Valmiki Scheduled Tribes Development Corporation, on Wednesday stated that funds from the corporation were used to procure liquor during the recent Lok Sabha elections.

In a press release issued here, it said approximately Rs 90 crore was diverted to 18 fake bank accounts in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana from the corporation's account.

The central agency said that it has recovered incriminating documents from the premises of former tribal welfare minister **B Nagendra** and Raichur Rural MLA Basavangoud Daddal, chairman of the corporation, linking them to handling the diverted funds.

Additionally, some high-end vehicles, including a Lamborghini, were purchased using the money transferred from the corporation. Associates of Nagendra were involved in diversion of funds.

ED officials arrested Nagendra under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) on July 5. He is now in ED's custody.

Meanwhile, the ED officials on Wednesday picked up Nagendra's wife Manjula from her residence in Dollars Colony for questioning in connection with the scam.

Work on clearing the NH-66 at Shirur of debris was temporarily stopped due to rain

Rain stops rescue ops, many still under rubble

SUBHASH CHANDRA NS
@ Shirur (Uttara Kannada)

SEVEN people died in Tuesday's landslide at Shirur in Uttara Kannada district, while many are still feared trapped under the rubble. The search and rescue operation, which resumed on Wednesday morning at a snail's pace, had to be stopped owing to heavy rain and minor landslides at the spot.

"The hillock, part of which came down on Tuesday, continues to slide, posing a threat to NDRI and other rescue personnel. "Heavy rain is causing landslides and we cannot force rescue personnel to continue with the operation," said an official overseeing the rescue work.

Police personnel have been deployed to prevent people from going near the hillock. The soil from the hillock, which caved in on the four-lane highway, slid further into the Gangavalli river, affecting its flow.

Local residents claim that the slush might have carried the bodies into the river. In support of their claim, they pointed out that four bodies were recovered from the river and not from under the rubble near the highway.

With some let up in the rain, the rescue operation commenced on Tuesday evening. However, the operation was called off after a few hours because of rain. Although the operation resumed on Wednesday morning, it was stopped after 9 am. The rainfall is so heavy that work on clearing the mud from the highway had to be stopped. P4

8 Indian crew of sinking ship saved, search on for rest

YESHI SELI & MAYANK SINGH
@New Delhi

EIGHT Indian and one Sri Lankan crew of an oil tanker that capsized off the coast of Oman three days ago were rescued on Wednesday.

"Search and rescue operations to find the remaining crew members will continue in the area," a source said adding that those rescued are recovering at a hospital in Muscat. The ship had 16 crew members, including 13 Indians. The Indian Embassy in Oman is in constant touch with the authorities there.

"Search and rescue operation for the seafarers, coordinated by the Oman Maritime Security Center (OMSC) is on," a source said.

The Indian Navy's warship INS Teg and maritime patrol aircraft P81 have joined the search. The Comoros Flagged vessel, M T Falcon, which was heading to a port in Yemen, sent a distress call on Sunday night. It capsized 25 nautical miles southeast of Ras Madrakah in Oman's Wilayat Duqm on Monday.

Farmer in dhoti denied entry, mall apologises

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A farmer from Haveri, who went to GT Mall in the city along with his wife and son on Tuesday evening to watch a movie, was denied entry. For, the security personnel at the entrance to the mall deemed the 60-year-old farmer's attire inappropriate.

While the security personnel allowed his wife and son Nagaraj, they stopped Fakeerappa, who was wearing a white shirt, dhoti and turban. Despite pleading with the security for over an hour, he was not let in. "My father was told to wear trousers to gain entry," Nagaraj told *TNIE*.

Farmer Fakeerappa was denied entry to the mall for wearing dhoti

After a video of the incident went viral, members of farmers' and Kannada organisations condemned the act of the security personnel and staged a protest in front of the mall on Wednesday. P5

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12 Naxals dead in encounter with cops in Maha

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @ Mumbai

AT least 12 Naxalites, including a Senior Divisional Committee Member (DVCM) were killed by police at Wandoli Village on the Maharashtra-Chhattisgarh border on Wednesday.

The Gadchiroli police received information about 12-15 Naxals camping near the Wandoli village. An operation was launched around 10 am on Wednesday and C-60 commandos led by Deputy Superintendent of Police (Operations) was sent to the area.

Gadchiroli Superintendent of Police said a heavy exchange of fire broke out in the afternoon between the commandos and Naxals in Wandoli village, which continued for six hours. A police sub-inspector of C-60 and a jawan were injured.

"The injured persons include a sub-inspector of C 60 and one jawan. They are out of danger, evacuated from the spot, and shifted to Nagpur," the SP said.

The C-60 is a special unit of the Maharashtra police formed to counter Naxal violence in the Gadchiroli district.

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Gulikakala: 09:00 am to 10:30 am • Yamaganda: 03:00 am to 04:30 am

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Sunset 06.49 pm
Moonrise 04.06 pm
Moonset 02.41 am

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Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar arrive for a meeting with legislators, ministers and top officials, in Bengaluru on Wednesday

CM, DyCM MEET CITY MINS & LEGISLATORS, DISCUSS PROJECTS

PRR, skydeck, tunnel roads on the agenda

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@ Bengaluru

CHIEF Minister Siddaramaiah and Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar on Wednesday met Bengaluru legislators, ministers and top officials and discussed developmental projects related to the city.

The discussion was around Peripheral Ring Road (PRR), construction of skydeck, scientific disposal of solid waste, construction of tunnel roads, development of a high-density corridor and other big-ticket projects. Construction of roads in the buffer zone of stormwater drains too was discussed.

On the PRR project, the CM said that though tenders have been called four to five times, no one has come forward to take it up. He suggested various possibilities and opportunities to mobilise resources and said a detailed proposal should be presented before the cabinet.

Shivakumar, who is also Bengaluru Development Minister, told the media, "Many projects have been proposed for the city. Before taking them up before the cabinet, we need to discuss them with the chief minister and ministers from Bengaluru. Suggestions were sought on Brand Bengaluru, PRR, waste management, flyovers, taxation, construction of new roads and others."

He said these projects cannot be decided on the go and they have to be discussed with everyone. On rain in the state, he said, "It is not raining everywhere. It is happening only in some places. The water-sharing situation with Tamil Nadu is improving." Ministers from the city, Ramalinga Reddy, KJ George, Krishna Byregowda, Byrathi Suresh and Dinesh Gundurao, were present. Chief Secretary Rajneesh Goel and other senior officials too attended the meeting.

Looking for garbage disposal sites: DKS

Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar told reporters that the government is searching for sites to dispose of garbage. "Garbage trucks have been stopped at Mandur for the last three days. We are looking for an alternative site, and we are in talks with NICE (Nandi Infrastructure Corridor Enterprise) for land near NICE road," he said.

He clarified that the government has not awarded any contract to blacklisted companies for garbage disposal. There is a need to shift two to three garbage disposal units out of Bengaluru, he said, and added that he has visited a few states to know how garbage is managed there.

2.5 lakh trees counted in 80 wards in BBMP limits

MOHAMMED YACOOB
@ Bengaluru

THE Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP), which is holding a tree census within its limits, has counted 2.5 lakh trees in 80 wards. The enumeration that has been going on since January will likely see an extension in the deadline, which was scheduled to be August.

BBMP Deputy Conservator of Forest (DCF) BLG Swamy said two agencies have been tasked with carrying out the tree census across the city. As there were technical glitches and other challenges, the deadline will now be extended by a few more months, he added.

As per BBMP, the census is fully done in Hanumantha Nagar, Srinagar, Gali Anjaneya Temple, Girinagar, Kathriguppe, Vidyapeeta and two other wards. These wards have over 30,000 trees in all. The agencies have painted the code on each tree and uploaded it on the website.

Jeevan, one of the two contractors, said, "Along with another agency, we have taken up the census work. The work was affected because of a software issue and fixing it took four months. When we deployed a team of botanists and others to resume the work, some of them collapsed because of severe heat in March and April. We had to stop the work then. Now due to rain, painting codes on trees is a challenge. We expect the civic agency to extend the deadline."

He said the girth, location and other details of each tree are fed into software. Once the photo and botanical name of a tree is added, its local name automatically pops up, he explained.

DCF Swamy said the census will help BBMP know the exact tree cover in the city. Based on the census report, the Palike can also decide where to take up tree planting drives, he added.

"Bengaluru is known as Garden City and it is time to know what is the total number of trees in the city. Permission has been taken to survey private areas too. So far, 2.5 lakh trees have been counted in 80 wards," he said. BBMP has 198 wards.

Hosps told to reserve beds for dengue cases

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@ Bengaluru

IN response to the alarming increase in dengue cases and to prevent dengue-related fatalities across the state, the Health and Family Welfare (HFW) department has mandated that beds be reserved in several hospitals of the city to ensure effective management of severe dengue cases.

The hospitals in Bengaluru that have been instructed to reserve a specific number of beds for dengue patients until further notice include, KC General Hospital (25 beds), CV Raman Hospital (25 beds), GH Jayanagara (25 beds), Taluk Hospital, Yelahanka (10 beds), and Taluk Hospital, KR Puram (10 beds).

The directive is in addition to the previous orders that required district headquarter HFW hospitals to reserve 10 beds each and taluk headquarters HFW hospitals to reserve five beds each for dengue patients. The reservations will remain in effect until further orders.

Meanwhile, as of July 17, the state recorded 10,973 dengue positive cases. Of these, 4,040 were reported within BBMP limits, 63 in Bengaluru Urban, and 51 in Bengaluru Rural. Chikkamagaluru recorded the second highest number of cases in the state, with a total of 621.

SACRED MARK

Pontiff Shri Satyatma Teertha Swamiji blesses devotees through the ritual of Tapta Mudra Dharana at Sri Uttaradi Math, Basavanagudi, on the first Ekadashi of the month of Ashada, in Bengaluru on Wednesday | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

Increasing nitrogen pollution in soil affecting farm sector, says report

BOSKY KHANNA
@ Bengaluru

THE increasing nitrogen pollution in soil has become a cause for concern. This may lead to a crisis in the agricultural sector, according to researchers from Firefly Life Sciences, a Bengaluru-based firm working on soil health and nutrition management.

In a report, 'Nitrogen Pollution in India's Agriculture Sector: A Looming Crisis', released recently, the researchers noted that nitrogen pollution is yet to receive the attention it needs.

"Increasing presence of nitrogen is leading to soil degradation. Undissolved nitrogen fertilizers can acidify the soil, reduce its fertility and lead to long-term damage. The presence of nitrous oxide is also a reason for greenhouse gas emission. Nitrous oxide, a potent greenhouse gas, is 300 times more effective than carbon dioxide at trapping heat, and when released from fertilizers contributes to climate change," said Ananya Vyas, content and communications strategist, Firefly Life Sciences.

In India, nitrogen emission has increased and is mainly driven by the use of fertilizers (most notably urea), the report noted. Researchers said agricultural soil contributed over 70% of nitrogen dioxide emission in India. Of which, chemical fertilisation accounted for 77%. They also listed the major repercussions of nitrogen pollution, including water contamination. Nitrates in drinking water are posing health risks.

Firefly's founder Nandita Abreo said, "A major cause for nitrogen pollution in the agriculture sector is the inefficiencies in its use. Improper or over-application of ammonia means that much of it is volatilised and ends up in the air or water bodies as runoff. Very little is taken by the crops. Their highly subsidized rates resulted in the over-use of urea, worsening the scale and severity of pollution."

She said while India is implementing numerous policies such as nutrient-based subsidies, neem-coated urea, sustainable agriculture programmes like zero budget natural farming to curb nitrogen pollution, this is an environmental crisis that needs a multi-pronged approach for successful mitigation.

The report recommended effective management of nitrogen pollution by promoting sustainable practices, agroforestry, stricter regulations on use of fertilizers, capacity building and awareness. "There is also a need for creating nitrogen credits. Implementing a market-based system, where farmers receive credits (akin to carbon credits) for adopting sustainable practices could incentivise change by putting a monetary value on nitrogen pollution, will address the issue," researchers said.

Abreo said while nitrogen pollution is a serious environmental threat to the agriculture sector, adopting a combination of policy changes, sustainable practices, and technological advancements, can help in mitigating it and achieve targets that safeguard food and nutritional security in the long term.

FIRST EDITION

ELCIA tech summit to be held on July 26

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@ Bengaluru

IN a bid to highlight future technology trends beyond Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Industry 4.0, the Electronics City Industries Association (ELCIA) is set to host the first edition of ELCIA Tech Summit 2024 on July 26.

Themed 'Humans, Machines, and Meaning', the first edition of the ELCIA Tech Summit aims to bring together experts, industrialists, innovators, and companies from both the public and private sectors to empower businesses in Electronics City and beyond, with the technological support needed to propel the growth in the competitive Industry 4.0 era.

Cutting-edge tech

To showcase cutting-edge tech products, the event will also feature an 'experience zone', with installations powered by AI, machine learning, robotics, and Internet of Things.

As part of the one-day event, a hackathon will be organised, connecting software and electronics. The winners will receive support from ELCIA to complete their products and bring them to market.

ELCIA president Sriram Kumar V said the first edition of the tech summit marks a significant milestone as it brings together the brightest minds from various sectors to explore the future of technology.

"The platform aims to foster innovation and empower businesses in Electronics City and beyond. The summit aims to encourage the leveraging of these advancements to transform businesses and build a sustainable future," Sriram Kumar said.

FENCER SEJAL GULIA TAKES BRONZE AT COMMONWEALTH JUNIOR

BENGALURU: Rising fencing star Sejal Gulia has won an individual bronze medal at the Commonwealth Junior and Cadet Fencing Championships. Sejal (15), who hails from Bengaluru, displayed exceptional skill throughout the Women's Epee Competition, securing bronze. "Winning a bronze medal is an incredible honour," said Sejal, adding that the competition was fierce. She also thanked her coaches, teammates, and family for their support. Sejal's parents serve in the Army. They motivated her to excel for India. She began fencing at the age of 10 and quickly rose through the ranks, demonstrating talent and dedication. She was also the youngest (at 13 years old) to win a team bronze in cadet at the previous edition of Commonwealth Fencing Championship in London, in 2022.

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

18TH July: One last word about Taurus, the sign of the week, before we move on. Between four and six thousand years ago the Sun rose in this sign on March 21st, the Spring Equinox. I think that's when bulls and cows came to be regarded as sacred animals. It's amazing to think just how venerable are some of our modern traditions.

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
The course of domestic affairs will be all too easily coloured by misunderstandings, misplaced idealism and imaginary problems. Don't take confusing mishaps too seriously, otherwise you'll never find your way out of a current tangle.

TAURUS (Apr. 21 - May 21)
You'll soon be into a fresh personal phase, and there's stimulation to be expected from prospective new activities. If you refuse to develop your creative skills in whatever area they are needed, you'll be the loser. It's also a great moment to apply for a new job.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
You're still being washed around by the waters of fate - or at least by the aftermath of recent lunar patterns! Extravagance or carelessness in a financial matter could have repercussions for future security. The message is to take additional precautions, check guarantees and examine the small print with great care.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
Something may have happened to unsettle you in recent days. Possibly someone has let you down at work, but that's no reason to give up a plan that's very worthwhile, whether other people support it or not. You'll do best to stick to the facts and ignore all rumours.

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23)
Skeletons may be rattling in your cupboard this week, but then there's nothing new in that. If you are beginning to feel that it's time to simplify your life, giving up a number of commitments, you could be right. And please keep the lid on exploding expenses.

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)
The last thing you want to do today is get involved in routine money matters. It's much more useful, and far more enjoyable, to spend some of your gains and plot extravagant schemes for future earnings. If a partner is still upset, give them a few days to get over it.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
A suspicion will prove unfounded, although a family mystery may not be cleared up for another three weeks. On balance, good news is more likely than bad but, in any event, you'll be pushed back on your own resources. The problem just now is that it's not clear whether circumstances are on your side or not.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
Friends from abroad are on your mind and you'll be highly motivated to get in touch with distant relatives. There may be some quite reasonable financial motive behind your actions, but partners will need persuading. Family affairs must be tidied up.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)
For someone who is supposed to have a good head for facts, it's actually quite important to rely on your intuition when planning professional moves. You're also much more sensitive than usual to colleagues' interests - saintly and selfless, some might say!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)
The general mood of the moment is romantic in the broadest sense. This means that you should feel there's far more scope than usual to express your compassionate, caring qualities. Wait for partners to take the initiative and consider offers you'd once have turned down.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
Career ambitions will tend to take precedence over family priorities, even if it's a partner's work, not yours, that is forcing the pace. There's no point in being overly idealistic, as you'll only misunderstand people's true potential. And why not give rivals the benefit of the doubt? At least for now!

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar 20)
Over the whole of the present period close friends are showing their willingness to help. Sometimes, though, you fail to pick up the telltale signs that show just when people are ready to come to your aid. The Moon's continuing support of your sign sees you through in one piece.

Solutions to Yesterday's puzzle ⬇

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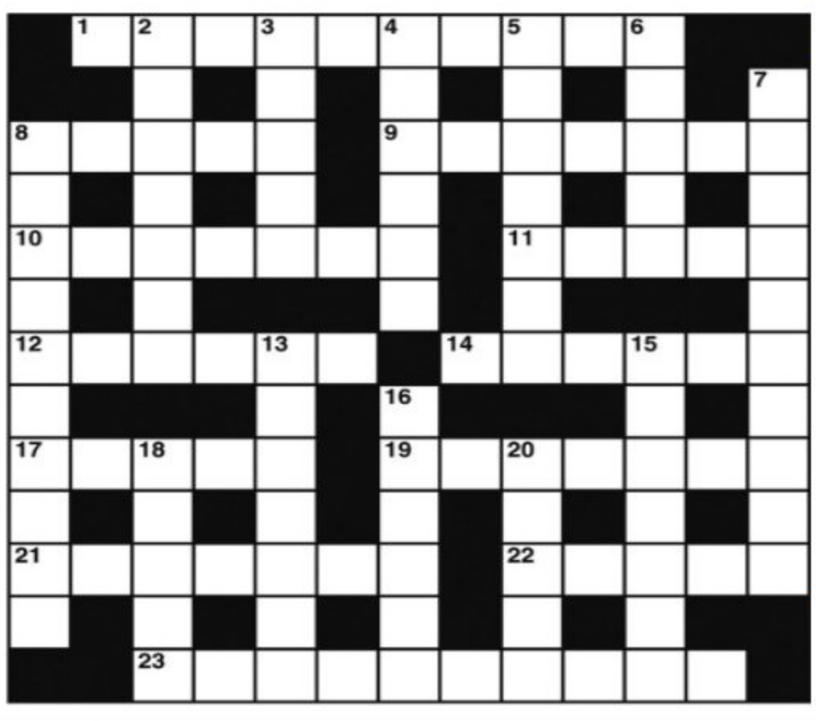

CROSS WORD

ACROSS
1 Be grateful for rise in value (10)
8 Inclined to speak fast (5)
9 Geraint turns out to be a thankless person (7)
10 Being sacked go back for some support (7)
11 Reg and I'd struggle to the crest of the hill (5)
12 Turn pale (6)
14 A swift turnaround was considered proper (3,3)
17 I get in the bath distressed as a regular thing (5)
19 He was bound to begin but not to end his act (7)
21 One turn may be free of charge (7)
22 Intended as the match of a lifetime (5)
23 Elation shown by novice poker player? (5,5)

DOWN
2 It's plain the pier is free to take the air (7)
3 New trade is valued (5)
4 Make oneself fearfully small (6)
5 State regalia thrown out (7)
6 Animal not usually laden (5)
7 Not very exciting for one who lacks drive (10)
8 Not right in front having been forgotten? (4,6)
13 He may bring food from the terrace (7)
15 Sprites arise if disturbed (7)
16 Agreeable question (3,3)
18 Only pretend it's a headland (5)
20 Common stock (5)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Cliche, 4 Proper, 9 Pharaoh, 10 Cages, 11 Notch, 12 Replace, 13 Appropriate, 18 Earthed, 20 Vivid, 22 Carat, 23 Sell-out, 24 Psyche, 25 Edward.

Down: 1 Coping, 2 Inapt, 3 Heather, 5 Recap, 6 Pageant, 7 Roster, 8 Chiropodist, 14 Portray, 15 Invalid, 16 Teacup, 17 Edited, 19 Hatch, 21 Viola.

JUMBLE

UNSCRAMBLE THESE JUMBLES, ONE LETTER TO EACH SQUARE, TO FORM FOUR ORDINARY WORDS.

BY DAVID L. HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

FMREA

HITDR

STGAEK

MORCEH

That's not going to the Hall of Fame, is it?
Nah! I'll melt this bust down and have another go at it.
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5/23
THE BLACKSMITH'S FIRST FEW ATTEMPTS WEREN'T TO HIS LIKING, BUT HE PLANNED TO ---

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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Answer here: _____ _____

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: JUROR DEPTH CHUBBY SUMMON
Answer: They always played the same songs, and being the percussionist was a — HUMDRUM JOB

A food delivery agent, who turned to chain snatching to repay the loan he had taken for his sister's wedding, has been arrested by the Kengeri police. Gold jewellery worth Rs 7 lakh has been recovered from Sanjay Kumar. He used to target lone women in Kumbalgodu, Kengeri, RR Nagar and surrounding areas

Beware of brain-eating amoeba, avoid freshwater activities: Docs

Warn that even with treatment, the condition could prove fatal

RISHITA KHANNA @ Bengaluru

WITH Kerala reporting its fourth fatality due to a rare 'brain-eating amoeba' infection recently, experts, terming the condition as 'usually fatal,' have cautioned against engaging in water activities in warm freshwater and diving deep into swimming pools, while emphasising the importance of proper chlorination of pools. Experts reiterated that even with treatment, the condition could prove fatal, with coma and death typically occurring within a week to ten days after symptoms set in.

The brain-eating amoeba, scientifically known as Naegleria fowleri, is a free-living amoeba typically found in warm freshwater environments such as lakes, rivers, and hot springs. It can cause Primary Amebic Meningoencephalitis (PAM), a severe infection of the central nervous system.

Dr Vikas Naik, Consultant in Neurosurgery at Fortis Hospital, highlighted that the infection is alarming, because it infects the central nervous system through the nose. Once inside, it travels to the brain, causing a rare and deadly illness, PAM.

Dr Naik added that PAM results in rapid inflammation and tissue damage, leading to symptoms such as fever, hallucinations, and seizures. With its swift progression and limited successful treatments, PAM is 'almost always fatal.'

Dr Swati Rajagopal, Consultant in Infectious Disease and Travel Medicine at Aster CMI Hospital, stressed that the infection occurs when contaminated water enters the nose and travels to the brain, which can also happen with hot tap water or poorly chlorinated swimming pool water.

Dr Swati added that symptoms of PAM usually appear within one to nine days after exposure and progress rapidly. "Early symptoms include severe headache, fever, nausea, vomiting, and a stiff neck, followed by confusion, loss of balance, seizures, hallucinations, and potentially leading to coma," she highlighted.

While PAM is almost always fatal, with very few survivors, in suspected cases, doctors may recommend a brain biopsy to detect the presence of the amoeba and determine appropriate treatment, she said.

> **Early symptoms include severe headache, fever, nausea, vomiting, and a stiff neck, followed by confusion, loss of balance, seizures, hallucinations, and potentially leading to coma** — Dr Swati Rajagopal

ONE IN FAITH

Members of the Shia Muslim community take part in a procession on the last day of Muharram in Bengaluru on Wednesday | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

Free artificial limb donation camp on August 18

BENGALURU: The Karnataka Marwari Samaj and Bhagwan Mahaveer Vikalang Sahayata Samiti (Jaipur Foot) will organise a free artificial limb donation camp at Maharaja Agrasen Bhavan in Jayanagar on August 18. The camp aims to provide free artificial limbs and polio calipers to those in need, especially those who have lost their forearms or require assistance. Registration should be done on or before August 17. The camp will measure and fit participants with custom-made limbs/calipers. The distribution ceremony will be held on September 22 at the same venue. For more information and registration, call: 90197 21885/87922 88404.

CRIME PATROL

Two die, two injured in separate accidents

BENGALURU: Two persons died and two others were injured in separate road accidents on Tuesday night. Kiran (17), an engineering student from Kalaburagi, was returning to his college hostel at Hunasamaranahalli on the International Airport Road when he was hit by a speeding bike around 9 pm. Kiran had gone to a nearby restaurant with his friends for dinner. His friend Chethan and the bike rider sustained injuries and are undergoing treatment. The Chikkajala traffic police have registered a case. In Electronics City traffic police limits, 35-year-old Sashi Kumar of Singasandra died when he skid his two-wheeler after losing control. The incident happened on Silver County Road in Singasandra around 10.30 pm. He died enroute to a hospital.

Three held, 2.44 kg of crude gold worth ₹1.74 crore seized

BENGALURU: Customs officials arrested three persons for allegedly smuggling 2.44 kg of gold in crude form worth over Rs 1.7 crore. The trio had landed at the airport from Bangkok on Thai Airways flight TG 325. Further investigation is on.

Movie director held in 20-year-old murder case

BENGALURU: A Kannada film director, who was wanted in a 20-year-old murder case, has been arrested by the Central Crime Branch (CCB). The accused, identified as Gajendra alias Gaja, was accused number 8 in the murder case of rowdy-sheeter Kotha Ravi. The incident happened in 2004 in Wilson Garden police station limits. After the murder, the police had arrested Gajendra. He was in judicial custody for almost a year and was released on bail. He then absconded and did not appear before court during the trial. It is said that after jumping bail, he had been staying in a neighbouring state. Gajendra is said to have directed two Kannada and Tamil movies.

Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar drives on the double decker flyover from Silk Board to Ragigudda in Jayanagar, to open it partially to the public, on Wednesday

Double decker flyovers on future Metro lines: DKS

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AFTER driving on the double decker flyover to open it partially to the public, Deputy Chief Minister and Bengaluru Development Minister DK Shivakumar on Wednesday said that the double decker flyover model will be followed in future metro projects.

Inaugurating the city's first double decker flyover from Silk Board to Ragigudda in Jayanagar for trial run, Shivakumar said, "Land acquisition is difficult these days. Double decker flyovers are useful in easing the traffic, though they are slightly expensive."

Shivakumar added, "This 5.25 km double decker flyover cost Rs 450 crore, which has been shared by BBMP and BMRCL. It is not expensive considering the current cost structure. The chief minister, Transport Minister Ramalinga Reddy and I have held many discussions on easing traffic in Bengaluru. This flyover will benefit around 30% of people commuting towards Hosur Road, Electronics City, HSR Layout and Mahadevapura."

Tunnel road project

The deputy chief minister said, "There is a plan to construct a 9.5 km elevated, five-lane road in the city at a cost of Rs 5,475 crore. The tunnel road project too will be placed before the next cabinet meeting."

IN THE COURT OF XIV ADDL. CITY CIVIL AND SESSION JUDGE AT BENGALURU
P & SC No.367/ 2024

Between: 1. **Sukanya A Shahapur** Wife of Late. Ashok V Shahapur, 64 years, 2. **Miss. Yashna A Shahapur,** Daughter of Late. Ashok V Shahapur, 35 years, 3. **Sri. Kishan A Shahapur** Son of Late. Ashok V Shahapur 32 years, All residing at Flat No. E-303, 3rd Floor, KHB Platinum APT, Shirke, Kengeri Upanagara, Kengeri, Bengaluru, Karnataka Pincode 560 060 **Petitioners**

And: NIL **Respondent**

PUBLIC NOTICE

WHEREAS the above named Petitioners have made a petition to this Honourable Court under Section 372 of the Indian Succession Act, 1925 for the grant of Succession Certificate in favour of the Petitioners, in respect of the Schedule Property mentioned below. The below mentioned Schedule Property were held by Late. Ashok V Shahapur namely the husband of the first petitioner and father of second and third petitioner who expired on 30.05.2021

Interested parties are hereby called to appear in this Court in person or by pleader duly instructed on 13.08.2024 at 11:00 AM, inform to show cause against the Petitioners, failing wherein the appearance will be heard and considered.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

PPF Account of Late. Ashok V Shahapur with SBI Bank, West of Cord Road, Branch, Bengaluru bearing Account No. 10307358545.

The Value of the Schedule Property is in a sum of Rs. 14, 57, 008.03/- (Rupees Fourteen Lakhs Fifty Seven Thousand Eight Point Zero Three Paise) as on 31.03.2024.

Given under my hand and the seal of the court, this 16th July 2024

By Order of the Court
Senior Shiritedar, City Civil Court Bengaluru
ADDRESS FOR SERVICE: **SHASHANK SRIDHAR**
Sri. Payoonidhi Law Chambers, Central Chambers, 2nd Main Road, Gandhinagar, Bengaluru

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General Public that my client as entered into purchase of the property described in the schedule hereunder from the owner **1) Mrs. Sowbhagya Saravana Kumar,** D/o. Sri. Thindlu Rangaswamy Rajanna, **2) Mr. Sampath Kumar B.R.** S/o. Sri. Thindlu Rangaswamy Rajanna, **3) Mr. B.R. Rohith Kumar,** S/o. Sri. Thindlu Rangaswamy Rajanna, All are Residing at Flat No.F02, Shrell Enclave, Himagiri Meadows Road, Medax Hospital, Kalena Agrahara, B.G. Main Road, Bangalore-560 076.

Any persons having any claim, title or interest over the schedule property or any objections to the proposed purchase may file their objections in writing along with copies of the supporting documents to the undersigned within **10 days** from the date of this publication, failing which my client will be advised to go ahead and complete the sale formalities.

All the piece and parcel of the property bearing No.33, Assessment No.02, Situated at 10th Cross, Maruthi Nagara, Madivala, Thavarekere Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Measuring East to West 30 Feet and North to South 44 Feet, totally measuring 1320 Sq. Feet and bounded on the:- **East by:** Site No.32, **West by:** Site No.34, **North by:** Site No.24, **South by:** Road.

H.V. RAMASWAMY REDDY, Advocate
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(Through E-PROCUREMENT only)

Tenders are invited from reputed Manufacturing Companies/ Authorized dealers for the supply of "Rotary Vacuum Evaporator with chiller machine, Microwave Synthesis System, and Probe Sonicator" in one package Under VGST-DST-GRE project to Dr Rajesh G. Kalkhambkar, Principal Investigator, VGST-DST-GRE-1113 Project. The last date for submission of online tender form is 30-07-2024. Interested parties may submit the tender through http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in and details can be obtained from the same website as well as in **http://www.kscd.ac.in & http://www.kud.ac.in**

Sd/- REGISTRAR
Karnataka University, Dharwad

National Centre For Cell Science, Pune
An Autonomous Institute of Department of Biotechnology, Ministry of Science & Technology, Government of India
NCCS Complex, S. P. Pune University Campus, Ganeshkhind, Pune – 411 007.
Website: www.nccs.res.in, Ph- 020-25708000

Tender Notice for Procurement of Scientific Equipment

National Center for Cell Science (NCCS) invites sealed Tenders for the following under two bid system (Technical bid and Commercial bid) from the eligible reputed Manufacturers/Suppliers for supply and satisfactory installation of the equipment mentioned below. Detailed NIT (Notice for Inviting Tender) is available on CPPP i.e. http://eprocure.gov.in/epublish/app as well as on the NCCS Web-site: http://www.nccs.res.in. The tender documents can be downloaded and used by the interested bidders.

S. No.	Tenders Ref. No.	Description	Quantity	EMD (in Rs.)
1.	NCCS/PUR-06 /2024-25	Structured illumination microscope and localization based super resolution platform	1 No.	18,00,000/-
2.	NCCS/PUR-07 /2024-25	Engineering based super-resolution PSF microscope	1 No.	21,00,000/-

The quotations received without copies of the required documents will be summarily rejected. Both sealed covers of Technical Bid and Commercial Bid should be put in one another envelope and sealed and sent to **"The Director, National Centre for Cell Science (NCCS), NCCS complex, Pune University Campus, Pune 411 007"** super scribing thereon the name of the works/contract. **Pre-bid meeting date, time and weblink details are available in the tender documents.**

****Bidders should submit their bids for each equipment separately super-scribing the name of the Equipment and Reference Number on the envelope.**

Last Date for receipt of the completed tenders is up-to 2.00 PM on 14.08.2024 and the Technical Bids will be opened at 2.30 PM on the same day. Interested Bidders shall participate in the quotation opening process at NCCS.

In-charge (Purchase)

DEMAND NOTICE

Under Section 13(2) of the Securitisation And Reconstruction of Financial Assets And Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (the said Act.) read with Rule 3(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (the said Rules). In exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(2) of the said Act read with Rule 3 of the said Rules, the Authorised Officer of IIFL Home Finance Ltd. (IIFL HFL) (Formerly known as India Infoline Housing Finance Ltd.) has issued Demand Notice under section 13(2) of the said Act, calling upon the Borrower(s), to repay the amount mentioned in the respective Demand Notice(s) issued to them. In connection with above, notice is hereby given, to the Borrower(s) to pay within 60 days from the publication of this notice, the amounts indicated herein below, together with further interest from the date(s) of Demand Notice till the date of payment. The detail of the Borrower(s), amount due as on date of Demand Notice and security offered towards repayment of loan amount are as under:-

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Mr. Ravikumar Miss. Arasamma **Prospect No IL10457461**	**15/07/2024 is ₹ 378087.00/-** (Rupees Three Lakh Seventy Eight Thousand and Eighty Seven Only)	all that piece and parcel of the property being: PROPERTY NO. 77/105, E SWATHU NO. 150300301300120085, Situated At Karepura Village, Doddabelavangala Taluk, Bangalore Rural, Karnataka, 561204 Area Admeasuring (in Sq. Ft.): Property Type: Land_area, Built_up_area, Carpet_area Property Area: 520.00, 520.00, 350.00 **Bounded By: North:** Kalu Dar **South:** Property Of Gangayy **East:** Road **West:** Property Of Hanumanthayya

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Place : Bangalore Rural; Date : 18.07.2024 **Sd/-, Authorised Officer, For IIFL Home Finance Ltd.**

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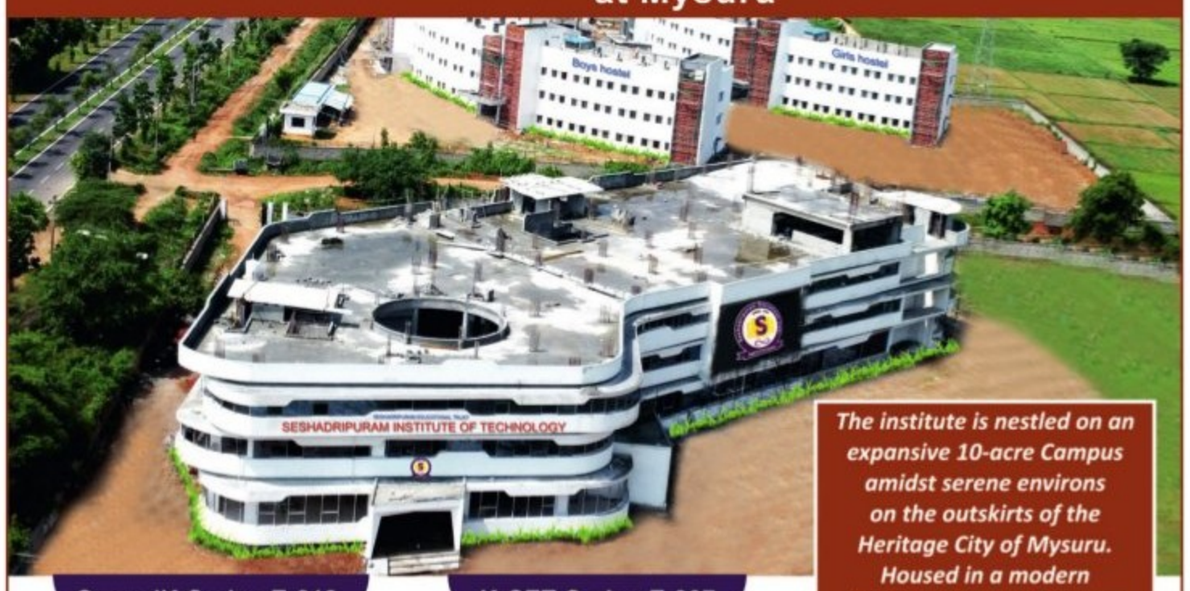

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BEFORE THE MOTOR ACCIDENT CLAIMS TRIBUNAL (SCH18) AT BENGALURU
MIS No. 46/2020

BETWEEN:
MR.ASANE TANVEER PASHA, S/o Mohammed Hanif, Aged About 34 Years, R/at 1st Floor, 2nd cross, Muneshwara Layout, Nagasandra, Doddabidarallikallu, Bengaluru-. **.....Petitioner**
AND
M/s KAMAL COMMERCIAL VEHICLES PVT.LTD. OPP: GPO Kamal & Company Premises, M.I Road, Jaipur, Rajasthan.302001.
And Another. **...Respondents**

NOTICE TO: RESPONDENT No 1

R1. M/s KAMAL COMMERCIAL VEHICLES PVT.LTD.OPP: GPO Kamal & Company Premises, M.I. Road. Jaipur, Rajasthan.302001.

Whereas, the above named petitioner has filed the above petition in MVC. 5570/19 for the relief of restoration of the claim petition file by me against the respondents. AND WHEREAS, the above case is fixed for hearing **on 5.9.24 11.00 PM** Before The Motor Accident Claims Tribunal (SCCH.18) At Bengaluru. You are interested may enter appearance on that day and file your statement if any. Otherwise matter will be heard and determined ex-parte.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND and the seal of the Court this **11.7.24.**

By ORDER OF THE COURT
Assistant Registrar
Court of Small Causes
Bengaluru.
ADVOCATE FOR PETITIONER,
Shakeel Ahmed & Associates,
No. 14, 1st Floor, R.T. Nagar, Bengaluru-560032.

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NOTICE INVITING TENDER

	Name of Work	Estimated cost Put to tender value (Amount in INR)	Cost of Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) (Amount in INR)	Online Tender opening date
1	Widening & Strengthening the existing road from Red Gate to Hare Island 4 lane road in VOC Port Authority	2,46,93,960	4,93,880	07.08.2024
2	Providing additional concrete loading platform at the eastern side of Railway track at Coal yard inside Green Gate at VOC Port.	2,63,27,885	5,26,560	06.08.2024

Note: For eligible tenderers, downloading of bid documents from the NIC e-tendering website:
i)https://etenders.gov.in/eprocure/app
ii) https://www.vocport.gov.in

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Mysuru-Kodagu MP Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar said more cleanliness drives will be held across Mysuru city in the coming days, with the goal of bringing the city back to the top spot in the Swachh Survekshan rankings and reclaiming the title of the cleanest city in India

DKS: GOVT WON'T INTERFERE WITH RECRUITMENT FOR TECHNICAL JOBS

Says govt working for Kannada and Kannadigas; Final decision in next cabinet meeting: CM

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DEPUTY Chief Minister DK Shivakumar on Wednesday said the State Government will not interfere with recruitment for technical jobs in the private sector and would give special exemptions for it.

Later in the evening, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah took to social media platform X and said that the bill enforcing 50% reservation for administrative posts and 75% reservation non-administrative posts for Kannadigas in private sector organisations, industries and enterprises is still in the preparation stage and a decision will be taken after discussion in the next Cabinet meeting.

Responding to mediapersons' questions about the industry leaders expressing displeasure, the Deputy Chief Minister said, "We will not interfere in technical jobs. We understand this issue and give exemptions for it. But, they have to bring it (recruitment) to the government's notice."

Industry leaders had expressed concerns that the policy could impact Karnataka's leading position in technology.

The DyCM said the government is committed to upholding the pride of Kannadigas in Karnataka. "Our government has been working for Kannada and Kannadigas, including making Kannada mandatory in name boards and reservation for Kannadigas. This job reservation legislation is another step in that direction," the deputy chief minister elaborated.

FKCCI urges state govt to reconsider move

Earlier in the day, FKCCI, the apex body for trade, industry, and service sectors in Karnataka had urged the State Government to reconsider its proposed policy.

FKCCI said that 100% reservation for group 'C' and 'D' will also be violative of the Constitutional provisions. A statement from the trade body said they need skilled talent not only to maintain the lead but also to be a major flag bearer in the technological field as well as a leading industrialised state in the country.

"It is necessary that the proposed job quotas for Kannadigas at 50% for the management category and 75% non-management category needs to be reconsidered since the industries and the state have to thrive. Further, the government may also note that 100% reservation for group 'C' and 'D' will also be violative of the Constitutional provisions," the FKCCI stated.

FKCCI recommended that the bill on job quota for Kannadigas, especially in the management category, should be of an advisory in nature with suitable reservation which will be a win-win situation for both the industries and the interest of the Kannadigas.

A delegation of the Karnataka State Government Employees' Association led by its president CS Shadakshari felicitates CM Siddaramaiah for the cabinet deciding to implement the recommendations of the 7th Pay Commission, in Bengaluru on Wednesday. Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar looks on

SOMANNA ASKS RAILWAY OFFICIALS TO LEARN KANNADA

MANGALURU: Union MoS for Railways and Jal Shakthi V Somanna has advised Railway officials working in Karnataka to try to learn Kannada for administrative convenience. Chairing a meeting with Railway officials and public representatives in Mangaluru, Somanna said when he was young, he had protested against imposition of Hindi and was even jailed. "But now I have realised the importance of Hindi. Daily, I wake up at 6 am and learn to write alphabets in Hindi," he said. In another six months, Somanna said he will learn to write letters in Hindi and also to make a speech in the Parliament. Saying learning Kannada is not difficult, he asked the MLAs to provide material to Railway officials to learn the language. MP Brijesh Chowta highlighted the need for Railway officials working in Karnataka to learn Kannada to do away the perception that outsiders are grabbing jobs. "There are many officers who know Kannada. Either they should be posted or the ones working here should learn Kannada," he said.

We are pro-Kannada govt: Siddaramaiah

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CHIEF Minister Siddaramaiah said on Wednesday that his government wants every Kannadiga to get jobs in Karnataka. "Ours is a pro-Kannada government, and our priority is to look after the welfare of the Kannadigas" he said, taking to social media platform X. "It is our government's wish that the Kannadigas should avoid being deprived of jobs in the land of Kannada and should be given an opportunity to build a comfortable life in the motherland. We are a pro-Kannada government," the chief minister said.

Earlier in the day, Siddaramaiah stated that the Cabinet approved a bill to make it mandatory for all private industries in Karnataka to hire only Kannadigas in group 'C' and 'D' jobs. The CM, however, deleted this post.

Later in the evening, the CM took to social media platform X and said that the bill enforcing 50% reservation for administrative posts and 75% reservation non-administrative posts for Kannadigas in private sector organisations, industries and enterprises is still in the preparation stage and a decision will be taken after discussion in the next Cabinet meeting.

While industries expressed displeasure over the proposed job reservation in the private sector, Kannada organisations like Kannada Rakshana Vedike supported the move. KRV members, led by Narayana Gowda, felicitated the CM on Wednesday.

Nasscom, CII asked govt to drop idea

Earlier in the day, the National Association of Software and Service Companies (Nasscom), industry body, had urged the Karnataka government to withdraw the bill that aims to reserve jobs for locals in the private sector. It said, "Deeply disturbing to see this kind of bill which will not only hamper the growth of the industry, but also impact jobs and the global brand for the state," Nasscom said. "Nasscom and its members are disappointed and express deep concern regarding the passage of the Karnataka State Employment of Local Industries Factories Establishment Act Bill, 2024," the industry body said in a statement.

The Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) too urged the government to reconsider the proposed job reservations. It calls for the withdrawal of the bill to maintain Karnataka's competitive edge. It said such drastic legislation could hinder current and future investments, jeopardising Karnataka's status as a prime location for over 400 Fortune 500 companies and nearly 39% of India's GCCs.

AP IT minister invites industries, Priyank hits back

Trying to cash in on the opportunity, Andhra Pradesh IT, Communication and Industries Minister Lokesh Nara said they understand the disappointment of Nasscom and industries. "We welcome you to expand or relocate your businesses to our IT, IT services, AI and data centre cluster at Vizag. We will offer you best-in-class facilities, uninterrupted power, infrastructure and the most suitable skilled talent for your IT enterprise with no restrictions from the Government. Andhra Pradesh is ready to welcome you. Please get in touch!" He posted. Hitting back at Lokesh, Karnataka IT Minister Priyank Kharge said the state has always excelled in the sector due to its consistent relationships and consultative approach with industry leaders, advisory bodies, and consortiums in drafting policies and schemes. "Our goal is to develop a global workforce using local talent, while also encouraging global investments and creating employment opportunities. By the way, wouldn't you also like to ensure that every company invested in Andhra Pradesh employs deserving, trained and skilled individuals from Andhra Pradesh?" Priyank asked. Priyank also told NASSCOM authorities that Karnataka will not do anything that will not withstand legal scrutiny. "This is your Government and as always we are just a call away," the minister added.

TRAGEDY ON HIGHWAY

A lorry amid the rubble near the hillock that slid on the highway near Belase village at Shirur, on Wednesday

NDRF team tie floating fuel tanker to riverbank

Geological Survey of India team visits spot

SUBHASH CHANDRA NS
@ Shirur (Uttara Kannada)

THE NDRF team, involved in the rescue operation at the landslide site near Ankola on Karwar-Kumta Road (NH 66), has managed to prevent a major mishap by tying the fuel tanker that had fallen into Gangavali river to the banks. An entire hillock slid on the highway near Belase village at Shirur around 8 am on Tuesday following heavy rain. Eyewitnesses said the landslide swept away a hotel, several vehicles, including a fuel tanker, and a part of the highway.

The fuel tanker was floating and tossing around in the river. Authorities had feared that it could hit Manjugini bridge downstream or a rock and explode, leading to a major mishap. As a precautionary measure, the district administration had shifted villagers to a rescue centre.

The National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) personnel on Wednesday managed to tie the tanker to a stationary object on the riverbank.

Local residents said three tankers were parked at the spot when the landslide occurred. While one went into the river, the other two more are buried under the debris. Apart from these, a couple of trucks and a car too are under the mud, they said. But there is no official confirmation on this.

A truck from Joida, said to be carrying timber to Kerala, is also buried, and the driver, Arjun, is missing. His brother Abhijeet said Arjun would always stop at the tea shop run by Lakshman Naik, whose entire family has been wiped out. When Arjun reached the hotel, it was around 4 am, and he was resting when the landslide struck. Abhijeet has appealed to the authorities to trace Arjun. He said the GPS device on the truck pointed to the landslide-hit area. But there is no official confirmation yet.

3 bodies of family found

Of the five persons of a family, who ran a popular tea joint near the landslide site and were buried under the debris, the bodies of three were found and handed over to their relatives. The bodies of Lakshman Naik, the hotel owner, his wife Shanti Naik and their son Roshan Naik were cremated by a relative.

The state government announced Rs 5 lakh as compensation to each of the deceased. As all family members have died in the landslide, the question was who will claim the compensation. Uttara Kannada DC Lakshmi Priya said it has already been awarded to Naik's relative. "The Minister gave the compensation cheque," she said.

Traffic diversion may be extended

Traffic diversion may continue for more than three days as the restoration work on the National Highway 66 is delayed. Vehicles have to turn to NH 63 and reach Kumta via State Highway 143 via Hillur, Hoskambi, Mastikatte and reach Kumta via Madangere. This will add 20 km to the distance, which was 60 km earlier.

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BECAUSE of heavy rain, the hillock has turned into a waterfall. With water flowing down the hillock continuously, it is impossible for rescue personnel to continue their operation. "We have stopped the search and rescue operation considering the threat factor. There are cracks in many places where the landslide took place. We did not want to take any risk. We will resume the operation Thursday morning, Lakshmi Priya, Deputy Commissioner of Uttara Kannada told *The New Indian Express*. "We have a Met report stating that the intensity of rainfall might reduce by Thursday. We will resume the operation on Thursday morning," she said. She said more people were still under the rubble. On the alleged unscientific roadwork that led to the tragedy, she said she will not comment on it now. "Our priority is to resume the search and rescue operation," she added.

Meanwhile, a team from Geological Survey of India visited the spot on Wednesday.

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Lakshmi Priya, Deputy Commissioner, Uttara Kannada

Revanna falls outside temple, injures his ribs

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FORMER minister and Holenarasipur MLA HD Revanna slipped and fell on the ground while stepping out of the Deveshwara temple in his home village of Haradanahalli in Holenarasipur taluk on Wednesday. Revanna, who was fasting, had come to Haradanahalli from Bengaluru to visit the Deveshwara temple. After offering special pujas, Revanna stepped out, when he slipped and fell on the ground, and was hurt. Other devotees helped him to his car, which was parked at the temple's entrance, and he was rushed to the taluk general hospital in Holenarasipur, where doctors suggested that he be brought to Bengaluru for further treatment. A source said that Revanna sustained injuries to his ribs, since his chest struck a stone pillar. According to eyewitnesses, Revanna was upset and anxious after the incident and also broke down while sitting in the car. Revanna has stopped visiting his residence in Holenarasipur, since he and his sons got mired in sex scandals. The former minister, however, frequents his new house, said to be a home office, adjacent to the Deveshwara temple in Haradanahalli.

EXPRESS READ

MLC Vishwanath to release his book on democracy in London

BENGALURU: MLC and former minister Adagur Vishwanath is releasing his book, Prachina Parliamentgala Pradakshine, written in Kannada, in London on July 20. The book launch has been organised at Albert Garden in Lambeth, London, where the statue of social reformer Basavanna is located. Vishwanath told *TNIE* that he had visited and studied the parliamentary system in England, which has one of the oldest democratic systems. He had also visited many other countries across the world that have functioning democracies, like the US, Switzerland, Hungary and Greece, to study the electoral systems and functioning of elected representatives. He leaves for London on Wednesday evening along with two dozen of his friends and supporters who will participate in the book launch. Former mayor of Lambeth Dr Neeraj Patil, who belongs to a political family in Karnataka, is making arrangements for the book launch in London. Members of the Kannada Sangha and Basava Samiti in London have confirmed their participation. **ENS**

Everyone's interests are safeguarded: MB Patil

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"THIS is a fascist bill as in Animal Farm, unbelievable that the Congress government can come up with a bill like this — a government officer will sit on recruitment committees of the private sector? People have to take a language test?," Mohandas Pai questioned.

Brand specialist Harish Bijoor posted, ''We don't want recruitment Raj in Karnataka. Government's work is God's work! This is not!"

Earlier in the day, **MB Patil** assured that the government will make sure everyone's interests are safeguarded. The industries need not have any fears or apprehensions, he said, adding that Karnataka is a progressive state, and it cannot afford to lose in this once-in-a-century race of industrialisation. Patil pointed out that India is currently experiencing a manufacturing and industrial revolution driven by the global China Plus One policy. In this competitive era, states such as Karnataka, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, and Telangana are striving to be at their best. "It is of utmost importance for all states to be at their competitive peak," he said.

Meanwhile, Labour Minister Santosh Lad said the proposal is not that they want it to happen forcefully.

Information Technology, Biotechnology and Science & Technology Minister Priyank Kharge said the government will consult industries, industry bodies and thought leaders to ensure a favorable environment for investments and job creation for locals, while addressing the needs of the global workforce. "No detrimental rules or laws will be enforced without due consultations with stakeholders. Karnataka has always led the nation in economic growth and we continue to do so," he added.

A COMMUNITY ROBBED

Valmiki corporation scam an eye opener for adivasis

K SHIVA KUMAR @ Mysuru

THE state Assembly is witnessing a heated debate over the Rs 194 crore scandal in the Maharshi Valmiki Scheduled Tribe Development Corporation Ltd and this has turned out to be an eye opener for the adivasi community.

Adivasis, who are fighting for the implementation of the Forest Rights Act, rehabilitation of displaced tribals from reserved forests, better facilities at Ashram schools, funds under housing schemes and other programmes over the years, have now come together to discuss the misuse of funds.

Many are active on social media platforms, posting opposition leaders' statements and discussing that adivasis, particularly forest tribes, have got the stick, while people at the helm of affairs have walked out with the carrot.

A committee constituted by the Karnataka High Court, headed by Prof Muzafar Asadi, has identified 1,801 families in 22 tribal hadis of HD Kote, 1,106 families of 22 hadis in Hunusr and 551 families in 10 hadis of Virajpet that have been displaced from reserved forests. These families are now fighting for the rehabilitation package assured by the government.

Tribals allege that they have been arrested on many occasions or fixed in cases in Virajpet for protesting, demanding rehabilitation packages. They say authorities who have misused the funds, should have instead announced rehabilitation packages for these families, who have been waiting for the last two decades. The tribals stress that they need better education facilities, employment and political reservation that would ensure development of the community. The literacy rate in the community is negligible as many Ashram schools are without permanent faculty or proper facilities, they say.

"We did not know that the Valmiki Corporation had been given funds for the development of adivasis. The scam has made adivasis aware that they have been betrayed," said Ramu, a tribal leader. If the government aims to check the misuse of funds and corruption and wants tribals empowered, it should form a Adivasi Birsamunda Development Corporation and bring in internal reservation among STs, he said.

"A few houses have been allotted to tribals in hadis, and except that no other welfare measure has reached them. Tribals constructing houses under various schemes are not getting their bills cleared," he added.

Bommaiah, a Soliga tribal, said that for the first time, the educated population in hadis are discussing the Valmiki Corporation scam.

Many of them said that adivasis could not avail of short-term loans under financial assistance schemes as they are used by non-forest tribals in urban pockets.

To discuss recent developments at the Valmiki Corporation and press for a separate adivasi board and internal reservation, the Adivasi Parishat has invited tribal leaders from across the state on July 20. They will chalk out programmes to prevail on the government.

They also plan to press for a white paper on funds allocated to STs and money released to adivasis.

CORRIGENDUM

Sirsi MLA Bhimanna T Naik's photograph was published along with a news item on page 4 on July 17, 2024 edition related to Karnataka Maharshi Valmiki Scheduled Tribes Corporation Limited Chairman Basanagouda Daddal, who is reportedly under the radar of the Enforcement Directorate (ED). The inadvertent error is regretted.

A 56-year-old stuntman of Tamil actor Karthi-starrer Sardar 2 died after he accidentally fell from a height of 20-feet while wrapping up the shoot in Chennai on Tuesday

Oommen was high command's choice for CM: Cong leader

Cherian Philip says Chandy declined offer, proposed A K Antony for the post

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@T'Puram

OOMMEN Chandy was the Congress high command's choice to succeed K Karunakaran as Kerala chief minister in 1995, but he declined the offer and proposed A K Antony's name instead, senior leader Cherian Philip said on Wednesday.

"Oommen Chandy had told then prime minister P V Narasimha Rao that he was firm on his stand not to occupy the top post. He suggested Antony's name, and entrusted senior leader P J Kurian and me to convince Antony," Cherian said in a Facebook post on the eve of Chandy's first death anniversary.

From the very outset, Antony was also against accepting the offer. However, Kurian met Rao and urged him to persuade Antony to head the government in Kerala, Cherian, an aide-turned-foe-turned-friend of both Antony and Chandy. said.

In 1978, Chandy was a minister when Antony resigned from the office of the CM.

Though he was asked to continue in the next government, Chandy declined. Then 1n 1980, when the Congress faction led by Antony was with the CPM-led LDF, he was again asked to join the E K Nayanar government, but Chandy didn't relent, paving the way for P C Chacko to become a minister, Cherian said.

Chandy, who was the home minister in the 1982 K Karunakaran government, stepped down from the post giving way for Vayalar Ravi to hold the key portfolio.

Though Antony tried to persuade Chandy to join his cabinet in 1995 and 2001, he didn't succeed, Cherian recalled.

It was Antony who recommended to Sonia Gandhi Chandy's name as his successor when he resigned in 2004, Cherian added.

On the eve of the first death anniversary of Oommen Chandy, a wax statue of the former Kerala chief minister was unveiled in the presence of his family at the Sunil's Wax Museum at East Fort in Thiruvananthapuram on Tuesday | PTI

A SIGHT TO BEHOLD!

Clockwise from top: With incessant rain lashing catchment areas, tourist attractions like Jog Falls in Shivamogga district and Godachinmalki Falls near Belagavi are flowing in full splendour. Even the KRS reservoir is filling up fast, recording a water level of 111.9 ft on Wednesday against the full capacity of 124.8 ft | EXPRESS

Melanistic leopard numbers rise in K'taka

BOSKY KHANNA @Bengaluru

A safari in Kabini in Nagarhole Tiger Reserve (NTR) is on the bucket list of many tourists and wildlife lovers, particularly to see and photograph the elusive melanistic leopard, popularly known as Saya. And the famous 'Ghost of Kabini' may now have more in company. If Karnataka forest officials are to be believed, the state is turning out to be a hotbed of such animals, also known as black panthers.

Forest officials are recording a rise in numbers of melanistic leopards in NTR as well as in Kali Tiger Reserve (KTR). As per preliminary reports from KTR, of the 100 camera trap images, 14% are of melanistic leopards.

Now to ascertain their precise numbers in the tiger reserves, the forest department is undertaking a detailed study. A senior forest department said:

Melanstic leopards are the star attraction, especially in Kabini

"Melanstic leopards are a star attraction, especially in Kabini, because they are rare. Everyone who visits the safari demands to see and photograph one. The rising number in KTR is a very positive sign. There is a need to divide the tourism footfall to other reserves. There has also been an increase in sightings of melanistic leopard cubs in other ranges of NTR. We are working on documenting all of them and preparing a data base," the official said.

The phase-4 data monitoring of KTR noted 246 leopards in the reserve and adjoining areas. Also, 126 individuals were documented in NTR. "The increasing number of melanistic leopards is a matter of joy and concern, but their precise number is not known. A study led by Srinivasulu et al. in 2016, which involved sampling an area of about 763 sqkm revealed that approximately 14% of leopard captures exhibit melanism," said Nilesh Shinde, Director, KTR.

The awareness and presence of melanistic wildlife species has gained popularity. Recently, Odisha government announced that they are working on introducing the country's first melanistic tiger safari in Similipal Tiger Reserve.

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Melanism is a genetic variation of the common leopard or tiger. It is caused by excess of melanin in an organism which results in dark pigmentation. Since it is a rare phenomenon, such animals are most sought after. "Photographic evidence suggests that the recessive allele responsible for melanism is more commonly expressed in female individuals than in males. However, a detailed study is yet to be conducted to understand this phenomenon fully," added Shinde.

Their presence signifies a healthy and diverse genetic pool, essential for the species' long-term survival. Their presence in other parts of Nagarhole, also shows a rise in territorial spread, which is good for the species and gene pool, said NTR Director Harshakumar Chikkanaragund.

Nandyal rape case: 2 policemen suspended

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@Kurnool

KURNOOL range DIG Ch Vijaya Rao on Wednesday issued suspension orders against Nandikotkur Rural Circle Inspector O Vijaya Bashkar and Muchumarri SI R Jayasekhar in connection with the rape and murder of a minor girl in Muchumarri village of Nandyal district. The two police officers were suspended for negligence in performing their duty after a missing complaint in the case was registered at the Machumarri Police Station.

Further, the DIG also warned other police personnel in the department of strict action, if they are found neglecting their duties.

The girl, who went missing on July 7, was allegedly raped, murdered and pushed into a canal by three minor boys near the Muchumarri lift irrigation project pump house.

A missing case was filed first. Following the confession of the three boys, police launched a search operation in the backwaters of the River Krishna to trace the body. Over a week after the incident, the police are yet to achieve any breakthrough in the case. On Wednesday, too, rescue teams continued the search for the girl's body.

'CM wears kurta, dhoti, will he be denied entry?'

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WEARING dhotis and turbans, the protesters entered the mall around 11 am and raised slogans against its management. They demanded that the police initiate action against the security personnel. Kannada activists summoned Fakeerappa to the mall and felicitated him. They made the mall management and security personnel apologise to the farmer.

Rupesh Rajanna, a Kannada activist, said, "Girls and boys go to malls wearing shorts and other revealing dresses. While they are allowed, the mall authorities have a problem letting in those wearing traditional dresses. Chief Minister Siddaramaiah wears kurta and dhoti. Will he be prevented from entering malls?"

Farmer Fakeerappa being felicitated in Bengaluru on Wednesday | PTI

Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar said action will be initiated against the mall authorities.

In his post on social media, BJP spokesperson Shehzad Poonawalla said, "Farmers are being abused and insulted for wearing dhotis? Banned entry into the mall. Karnataka Chief Minister wears a dhoti! Dhoti is our pride. Should farmers wear tuxedos to a mall?"

State farmers' association president Kuruburu Shanthakumar released a video on social media and termed the incident an insult to farmers. Bengaluru police should take strict action against the mall owner. He sought to know if malls could be run without farmers. "Farmers are the backbone of our country," he said.

Recently, a farmer was denied entry to Namma Metro on similar grounds. This led to the dismissal of a security supervisor by BMRCL.

An ox that was injured in the accident in Keresur village of Dharwad | D HEMANTH

Bus rams bullock cart as driver makes reel, farmer critical, one oxen killed

MALLIKARJUN HIREMATH
@Hubballi

A farmer and his family members from Keresur village in Dharwad are paying a very heavy price for no fault of theirs. The farmer, **Manjunath R Vaggenavar**, is battling for his life at Karnataka Institute of Medical Science (KIMS) after his bullock cart was hit by a speeding NWKSRTC bus.

On Tuesday night, Manjunath was returning to his house from his agriculture land in Keresur village when the accident happened. While one of his two oxen was killed, the other one has sustained serious injuries and stands little chance of survival.

Some eyewitnesses have blamed the bus driver, who they said, was making a reel and mixing tobacco when he rammed into the bullock cart. Some said the driver was unable to see the cart which was right in front of him.

The bus was heading from Hubballi to Bagalkot. The driver Ramesh has been arrested.

Rayan Gouda, a villager and a friend of Manjunath, said, "In the death of the ox and hospitalisation of the farmer, his family is now left in the lurch. Manjunath, 40, is a poor farmer who works hard to earn his bread on a daily basis. His two-acre land does not give him enough earnings or any money for saving. "Recently, he purchased a couple of oxen by taking hand loans which he used for ploughing in other fields too. He had taken nearly Rs 1.5 lakh as loan from other farmers. It was his annual routine to buy the oxen during rains and after the monsoon season ended and crops are harvested, he sells the cattle and returns the money to his lenders after keeping whatever small profit is left with him," he added.

Shankar Patil, another resident, demanded that the state government or the Zilla Panchayat should come to the aid of the farmer, not by merely giving a short-term compensation. The farmer has two children and he is the sole bread winner of the family.

A relative of Manjunath said, "There are videos of the driver at the time of the accident. We demand action against him based on the videos."

Strays maul toddler to death on Hyd outskirts

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AN 18-month-old toddler, Vihaan, was mauled to death by a pack of stray dogs in Adarshnagar of Jawahar Nagar on the outskirts of Hyderabad late on Tuesday. He sustained multiple injuries on his head, limbs and other body parts and was rushed to a private hospital where he succumbed to his injuries.

Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy expressed grief over the boy's death and directed officials to take immediate measures to prevent such incidents in the future.

He also ordered officials to establish a call centre or toll-free number for citizens to report stray dog-related incidents and ensure swift action.

According to the preliminary inquiry by the Jawaharnagar police, Vihaan was playing outside his house when the stray dogs dragged him a few metres away.

The child's parents, Bharat and Lakshmi, who hail from Siddipet district, found the body with the help of locals who had scared the dogs away. He was first rushed to a private hospital, where doctors advised them to take him to Gandhi Hospital for better treatment.

The incident is one more in a growing list of attacks by stray dogs in Hyderabad and its suburbs, with children and adults being either mauled to death or seriously injured.

Residents have expressed outrage over the attacks, accusing the state government of inaction. Despite multiple complaints lodged with the civic body, no action has been taken. Vihaan's death triggered a protest led by his parents at the Jawahar Nagar municipal office. The protesters demanded compensation for the parents. Following a complaint from the boy's parents, a case was booked under Section 194 (suspicious death) by the Jawahar Nagar police.

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Devotee chops off tongue at Odisha temple

Keonjhar: In a shocking incident, a devotee allegedly severed his tongue on the premises of Maa Tarini temple at Ghatagaon seeking fulfillment of his wishes, on Tuesday evening. Bijay Pradhan, 48, participated in the Sandhya Alati and evening rituals at the temple. At approximately 7.40 pm, he used a sharp blade to cut his tongue in front of the deity. Other devotees and temple staff quickly intervened and rushed Pradhan to Ghatagaon health centre where he was kept under observation. A native of Ganjam, Pradhan's motive behind this extreme act is believed to be a superstitious belief that it could fulfill his wishes. Ghatagaon police arrived at the hospital and started investigation. Pradhan had travelled alone from Ganjam, with no family members or friends accompanying him. ENS

Reel shot inside police stn goes viral, 3 booked

Hyderabad: A video clip of an accused in the lockup of the Bandlaguda police station conversing with another person allegedly involved in the case of a missing minor girl has been circulated widely on social media platforms. Many netizens have questioned how a person could enter the police station without permission and speak to a suspect in the lock-up. They pointed to ongoing programmes such as nighttime patrolling and Operation Chabutra and compared them to the security lapse at the police station. A police officer said a case has been registered against all three persons involved: the two shown in the video and the one filming it on the charge of illegal trespassing. Sources said the accused are friends. The incident took place on Monday and a case was registered the following day. Meanwhile, the 'reel' posted on the Instagram account has garnered many views. While no arrests have been made yet, the incident is under active investigation, the officer added. ENS

Five devotees on padayatra mowed down

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FIVE people, including four women, died and another woman was injured when a speeding minitruck rammed into a group of devotees who were undertaking a padayatra to the Samayapuram Mariamman Temple on the Thanjavur-Tiruchy National Highway at Valambakkudi in Thanjavur district on Wednesday morning.

According to sources, 87 people from Kannukudipatti village near Gandarvakkottai of Pudukkottai district embarked on the annual padayatra on Wednesday, the first day of the Tamil month of Aadi. The devotees were walking in small groups of two to three persons on the far left side of the NH. When they were passing via Valambakkudi village, the driver of a speeding mini truck lost control of the vehicle and mowed down a few groups of devotees.

Chief Minister M K Stalin announced a solatium of ₹2 lakh each to the families of the victims and ₹1 lakh to the injured.

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**SULTHANPLYA** 080 41636281 **FEDGL0013**0006761, 0006173, 0006929 **Tarikere** 08261-200233 **FEDGL0415**0004237, 0002915, 0002918, 0002924, 0002937, 0004220 **Tiptur** 8134252402 **FEDGL0047**0010817, 0008934, 0008960, 0008968, 0010816 **Turuvekere** 8139295735 **FEDGL0386**0004907, 0004913, 0004922, 0004936, 0004939, 0004945, 0006771 **Yeshwantpur** 8041225684 **FEDGL0034**0006592, 0005330, 0006520

Change in Venue or Date, if any will be displayed on our Website www.fedfina.com. All bidders participating will be intimated subsequently with respect to acceptance or rejection of bids submitted by them. Customer who want to release their ornaments shall visit at the base branch wherein the ornaments were pledged by the customer or contact at the number mentioned above on/or before 27-07-2024 subject to the terms and condition applicable.

Auction will be conducted at respective branches, in case the auction does not get completed on the given date due to any reasons, the auction in respect thereto shall be conducted on subsequent working days at district level branch after displaying the details on our Website. No further communication shall be issued in this regard.

Dated : 18-07-2024
Place : Karnataka

For, sd/- Authorised Signatory
Fedbank Financial Services Ltd.,

ಕೆನರಾ ಬ್ಯಾಂಕ್ केनरा बैंक Canara Bank — Syndicate

NEHRU ROAD BRANCH
SHIVAMOGGA
H.O.: BANGALORE

DEMAND NOTICE
SECTION 13(2) TO BORROWER/GUARANTOR/MORTGAGOR

REF: 77/SARFAESI/DN/521/SUBRA **DATE: 08/07/2024**

To, 01) Sri Subramani P (Borrower), Proprietor of M/s Subramani P, S/o Late Ponnuswamy Ashirwad, R/o 1st Main, Ranganatha Extension, Gopala, Shivamogga - 577205. **02) Sri Shivakumar S (Guarantor),** Proprietor of M/s S S Karthik Industries, S/o Subramani P, R/o 1st Main, Ranganatha Extension, Gopala, Shivamogga - 577205. **03) Smt. Anandavalli (Guarantor),** W/o D Nagarajuna, #45, 14th Main, Judicial Layout, GKVK Bangalore North, Bengaluru - 560065. **04) Smt. Shashikala (Guarantor),** W/o Raja R, #77/A, 2nd Main, CIL Colony, Sanjay Nagar, Bengaluru. **05) Sri Arunkumar S (Guarantor),** S/o Subramani P, R/o 1st Main, Ranganatha Extension, Gopala, Shivamogga - 577205.

Dear Sir /Madam,

Sub: Notice issued under Section 13(2) of the Securitisation & Reconstruction of Financial Assets & Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002

That **Sri Subramani P** S/o Late Ponnuswamy Ashirwad (Proprietor of M/s Subramani P), residing at 1st Main, Ranganatha Extension, Gopala, Shivamogga - 577205 (hereinafter referred to as "the Borrower") and **Sri Shivakumar S,** S/o Subramani P, R/o 1st Main, Ranganatha Extension, Gopala, Shivamogga - 577205 (hereinafter referred to as "the Guarantor"), **Smt. Anandavalli,** W/o D Nagarajuna, No.31, 14th Main, Judicial Lane, GKVK Bangalore North, Bengaluru - 560065 (hereinafter referred to as "the Guarantor"), **Smt. Shashikala** W/o Raja R, #77/A, 2nd Main, CIL Colony, Sanjay Nagar, Bengaluru (hereinafter referred to as "the Guarantor"), **Sri Arunkumar S** S/o Subramani P, R/o 1st Main, Ranganatha Extension, Gopala, Shivamogga - 577205 (hereinafter referred to as "the Guarantor") has availed the following loans/credit facilities from our Branch from time to time:

Sl. No.	Loan No.	Nature of Loan	Liability with Interest as on date	Amount
1	0521261000893	MSME OD	**Rs. 2,03,03,396.00**	15.40%
2	164001668431	627-HOUSING LOAN COMMERCIAL	**Rs. 68,51,968.00**	Rs. 11.90% + 2.00% Penal Interest
3	164003909229	CANARA RENT	**Rs. 38,55,438.66**	11.05% + 2.00% + Penal Interest
4	0521755000106	GECL	**Rs. 9,22,807.92**	9.25% + 2.00% + Penal Interest
	Total Liability		**Rs. 3,19,33,610.58**	

The above said loan/credit facilities are duly secured by way of mortgage of the assets more specifically described in the schedule hereunder, by virtue of the relevant documents executed by you in our favour. Since you had failed to discharge your liabilities as per the terms and conditions stipulated, the Bank has classified the debt as NPA on **06/07/2024**. Hence, we hereby issue this notice to you under Section 13(2) of the subject Act calling upon you to discharge the entire liability of **Rs. 3,19,33,610.58 (Rupees Three Crores Nineteen Lakhs Thirty Three Thousand Six Hundred Ten and Paisa Fifty Eight only)** with accrued and up-to-date interest and other expenses, within sixty days from the date of the notice, failing which we shall exercise all or any of the rights under Section 13(4) of the subject Act.

Further, you are hereby restrained from dealing with any of the secured assets mentioned in the schedule in any manner whatsoever, without our prior consent. This is without prejudice to any other rights available to us under the subject Act and/or any other law in force.

Your attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the SARFAESI Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

The demand notice dated **08/07/2024** had also been issued to you by Registered Post acknowledgement due to your last known address available in the Branch record.

SCHEDULE

The specific details of the assets Mortgaged/Hypothecated are enumerated hereunder:

Sl. No.	Mortgaged assets	Name of Title Holder
01	All that part and parcel of Land & Buidling bearing municipal Khatha No. 440, 366, New No. 440/2, Site No.100, Ward No.26, measuring (48.6" + 63.6")/2 x 45.0"= 2508.75 Sq.ft. (as per the sale deed) situated at Ranganatha Extension, Gopala, Shivamogga. **Property bounded by:** East - Site No.99, West - Muncipal Road, North- Site No. 101 & 102, South - 30' Wide road.	**Sri Subramani P**
02	All that part and parcel of Land & Buidling bearing municipal Khatha No. 440/1, 366/1 & Site No.101, Ward No.26, measuring (50.00" + 33.6")/2 x 45.0" = 1878.75 Sq.ft. situated at Ranganatha Extension, Gopala, Shivamogga. **Property bounded by:** East - Site No.102, West - Municipal Road, North - Municipal Road, South - Site No.100.	**Sri Subramani P**
03	All that part and parcel of Land & Buidling measuring 30 feet x 45 feet = 1350 sq.ft. with Site No.102, Ward No.26, MK No. 440/366, Ranganatha Extenion, Gopala, Shivamogga. **Property bounded by :** East - Site No.103, West - Site No.101, North - Municipal Road, South - Site No.100.	**Sri Subramani P**
04	All that part and parcel of Land & Buidling measuring (51x53)/2 x (88+100)/2 + 11.00 x 100.00 = 5934.00 sq. Mtr. Situated at Plot No. Zone -4 of Machenahalli Industrial Area in Sy.No.78 of Machenahalli Industrial Area, KIADB, Machenahalli, Jedikatte Village, Kasaba Hobli, Bhadravathi Taluk, Shivamogga. **Property bounded by:** East - Private Land, West - KIADB Road, North - Zone -3, South - Plot No.65/A, Zone-4 (P).	**M/s S S Karthik Industries, rep by Sri S Shivakumar**
05	All that part and parcel of property situated at Site No. E-59, Khatha No. 1193/ E-59, PID No. 55214 at Ward No. 26, Gopala Gowda Extension, Drupadamma Circle, Shivamogga, measuring 352.72 sq. mtr. **Property bounded by:** East - Private property belonging to Draopadamma Temple, West - Site No. E-58, North - Site No. E-60, South - 24 Mtr width Road.	**Sri Subramani P**

Date : 18-07-2024
Place : Shivamogga

Sd/- AUTHORISED OFFICER
CANARA BANK

PSPCL Punjab State Power Corporation Limited

(Regd. Office: PSEB Head Office, The Mall, Patiala-147001)
Corporate Identity Number U40109PB2010SGC033813 | Website : www.pspcl.in
(Contact No. 96461-17604, 96461-17659)

Tender Enquiry no: 1685/EMC/O&M/PC-2563 **Dated : 16.07.2024**

Chief Engineer / O&M (P&P Cell-II), GHTP, Lehra Mohabbat, invites E-tender for the **Procurement of Lighting Spares (Year 2024-2025),** Quantity as per NIT.

For detailed NIT & tender Specification please refer to **https://eproc.punjab.gov.in** from **16.07.2024** from **17:00 hrs.** onwards.

Note: Corrigendum and addendum, if any will be published online at **https://eproc.punjab.gov.in**

573/GHTP-57/24-7/17/2024
76155/12/3123/2023/35762

IN THE COURT OF THE XV ADDITIONAL CITY CIVIL & SESSIONS JUDGE, BANGALORE (CCH-3)
P & S.C. No. 241 / 2024

PETITIONERS:
1) Sri. SURESH SASTRI DORBALA. S/o. Late Balagangadhara Sastri Dorbala, Aged about 71 years. Residing at H.No.10-28-4/5, C-2, Geetanjali, Opp. Circuit House, Siripuram, VISAKHAPATNAM-530003.
2) Smt. SHARADA SASTRY, D/o. Late Balagangadhara Sastri Dorbala, Aged about 75 years, Residing at No.568, 6th Cross, Off 7th Main, HAL II Stage, Indiranagar, BANGALORE-560038.

-Vs-

RESPONDENTS : -NIL-

PUBLIC NOTICE

WHEREAS, the petitioners above named have filed the above petition under Section 372 of the Indian Succession Act, for grant of Succession Certificate in respect of the properties mentioned in the Schedule hereunder, standing in the name of Late Smt. Dorbala Lakshminarasu, who died on 15/04/2003, and the petitioners are the successors to the properties mentioned in the Schedule. The public are hereby notified that anybody intending to oppose the petition / grant of Succession Certificate in the names of the petitioners, may appear in person or through a duly authorized Advocate at City Civil Court Hall No.3 on **01/08/2024 at 11.00 a.m.** failing which, the said petition will be heard and determined exparte.

SCHEDULE-A
(Shares of Limited Companies)

Sl. No.	Name of Company	Folio No.	Certificate No.	No. of shares	Face Value of Each share.	Market value Per share.	Total market Value of shares	No. of bonus Shares allotted	Market value of bonus shares
1	EIH Limited	088351	1352876	245	2	308.70	75,631.50	122	37,661.40
2	East India Hotels	18494	282502	50	10	308.70	77,175.00	125	38,587.50
3	-do-	18494	282501	50	10	308.70	77,175.00	125	38,587.50
4	-do-	18494	282503	15	10	308.70	23,152.50	37.5	11,576.25
5	-do-	18494	112024	50	10	308.70	77,175.00	125	38,587.50
6	-do-	18494	128225	40	10	308.70	61,740.00	100	30,870.50
7	-do-	18494	112023	50	10	308.70	77,175.00	125	38,587.50
8	-do-	18494	112022	50	10	308.70	77,175.00	125	38,587.50
9	-do-	18494	112021	50	10	308.70	77,175.00	125	38,587.50
10	-do-	18494	523719	30	10	308.70	46,305.00	75	23,152.50
11	-do-	18494	523718	50	10	308.70	77,175.00	125	38,587.50
12	-do-	18494	146188	48	10	308.70	74,088.00	120	37,044.00
13	-do-	18494	803586	50	10	308.70	77,175.00	125	38,587.50
14	-do-	18494	803587	50	10	308.70	77,175.00	125	38,587.50
15	-do-	18494	803588	50	10	308.70	77,175.00	125	38,587.50
16	-do-	18494	803589	50	10	308.70	77,175.00	125	38,587.50
17	-do-	18494	803590	20	10	308.70	30,870.00	50	15,435.00
18	-do-	18494	803591	20	10	308.70	30,870.00	50	15,435.00
19	-do-	18494	803592	1	10	308.70	1,543.50	25	771.75
20	Alfred Herbert (India) Ltd.,	L020	1437	25	6	1261.00	18,915.00	–	–
21	-do-	L020	1436	50	6	1261.00	37,830.00	–	–
22	-do-	L020	1435	50	6	1261.00	37,830.00	–	–
23	-do-	L020	6940	50	6	1261.00	37,830.00	–	–
24	RPG Life Sciences	PL 000042	2086	300	8	1566.05	4,69,815.00	–	–
25	International Com-bustion (India) Ltd.,	L-61	8007	3	10	1645.65	4,936.95	–	–
26	-do-	L-61	10577	5	10	1645.00	8,228.25	–	–
27	International Com-bustion (India) Ltd.,	L-61	13816	18	10	1645.00	29,621.70	–	–
28	-do-	L-61	6008	24	10	1645.00	39,495.60	–	–
29	-do-	L-61	17652	17	10	1645.00	27,976.05	–	–
30	VST Industries Ltd.,	L000084	B130016	36	10	3515.10	1,26,543.60	–	–
31	-do-	L000084	B130017	2	10	3515.10	7,030.20	–	–
32	-do-	L000084	B00074599	24	10	3515.10	84,362.40	–	–
33	-do-	L000084	18345	25	10	3515.10	87,877.50	–	–
34	-do-	L000084	B27942	5	10	3515.10	17,575.50	–	–
35	-do-	L000084	B27943	5	10	3515.10	17,575.50	–	–
36	-do-	L000084	B27944	5	10	3515.10	17,575.50	–	–
37	Perfect Circle India	PLL000 00025-0	1532	25	8	NA	200.00	–	–
38	-do-	-do-	00001266	200	8	NA	1,600.00	–	–
39	Victor Gaskets India	VL 000025	1532	25	2	NA	50.00	–	–
40	Saregama India Ltd.	004795-6	16743	10	10	332.70	33,270.00	–	–
41	BATA India Ltd,	21067	159947	50	10	1466.45	1,46,645.00	–	–
42	BATA INDIA	21067	159948	20	10	1466.46	58,658.00	–	–
43	-do-	21067	111516	20	10	1466.45	58,658.00	–	–
44	-do-	21067	79759	10	10	1466.45	29,329.00	–	–
45	-do-	21067	037564	15	10	1466.45	43,993.50	–	–
46	-do-	21067	21111	25	10	1466.45	73,322.50	–	–
47	Standard Industries Ltd.	A9L00547	036117	50	10	25.35	2,535.00	–	–
48	-do-	A9L00647	145397	20	10	29.35	1,014.00	–	–
49	-do-	A9L00647	0255464	42	10	25.35	2,129.40	–	–
50	-do-	A9L00647	0632129	50	10	25.35	2,535.00	–	–
51	-do-	A9L00647	0632130	1	10	25.35	50.70	–	–
52	M'lore Chemicals & Fert. Ltd.	MF 12681	017600	50	10	147.70	7,385.00	–	–
53	-do-	MF 12681	017599	50	10	147.70	7,385.00	–	–
54	SRF Ltd.,	D-747	678229	10	10	2284.95	22,849.50	40	91,398.00
55	-do-	D-747	59414	11	10	2284.95	25,134.45	44	1,00,537.80
56	-do-	D-747	17799	25	10	2284.95	57,123.75	100	2,28,495.00
57	-do-	D-747	101575	18	10	2284.96	41,129.10	72	1,64,516.40
58	-do-	D-747	16606	36	10	2284.96	82,258.20	144	3,29,032.80
59	Atlas Capco (India) Ltd.,	ATL00131	00119535	47	10	–	470.00	188	–
60	-do-	L001317	78858	47	10	–	470.00	188	–
61	-do-	L001317	0050652	27	10	–	270.00	108	–
62	-do-	L001317	11642	10	10	–	100.00	40	–
63	-do-	L001317	35468	10	10	–	100.00	–	–
64	Sonata Software Ltd.	SONO 10409.	----	1000	1	1	7,54,250.00	333	2,51,165.25
	TOTAL MARKET VALUE OF SHARES.						37,16,119		27,66,968

TOTAL MARKET VALUE OF ALLOTTED SHARES ... Rs. 37,16,119.00
TOTAL MARKET VALUE OF BONUS SHARES. Rs.27,66,968.00

TOTAL MARKET VALUE OF ALL SHARES. .... Rs. 64,83,087.00

SCHEDULE – B

Deposit at HDFC Bank, Bangalore. .... Rs. 3,50,000-00

TOTAL INVESTMENTS INCLUDING BANK DEPOSIT : Rs. 68,33,087-00.

Given under my hand and seal of the Court on 13th July 2024.

Advocate for the Petitioners:
N.V. Muralidhar, Advocate,
No.48, 2nd Cross, Nrupathunga Nagar,
J.P.Nagar 7th Phase, BANGALORE-560076.

By order of the Court,
Sd/- Asst. Registrar,
City Civil Court, Bengaluru

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DEMAND NOTICE

Under Section 13(2) of the Securitisation And Reconstruction of Financial Assets And Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (the said Act.) read with Rule 3(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (the said Rules). In exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(2) of the said Act read with Rule 3 of the said Rules, the Authorised Officer of IIFL Home Finance Ltd. (IIFL HFL) (Formerly known as India Infoline Housing Finance Ltd.) has issued Demand Notice under section 13(2) of the said Act, calling upon the Borrower(s), to repay the amount mentioned in the respective Demand Notice(s) issued to them. In connection with above, notice is hereby given, to the Borrower(s) to pay within 60 days from the publication of this notice, the amounts indicated herein below, together with further interest from the date(s) of Demand Notice till the date of payment. The detail of the Borrower(s), amount due as on date of Demand Notice and security offered towards repayment of loan amount are as under:-

Name of the Borrower(s) /Guarantor(s)	Demand Notice Date & Amount	Description of Secured asset (Immovable property)
Mr. Roy Adinarayana Rahul, A R R Contractors, Mr. Balanna Mukuthapuram Adinarayana, Mrs. Venkatesh Rapthodu Arathi, **Prospect No IL10319634, IL10601206**	**12/07/2024 is IL10319634 ₹3878612.00/-** (Rupees Thirty Eight Lakh Seventy Eight Thousand Six Hundred & Twelve Only) & **IL10601206 ₹1771884.00/-** (Rupees Seventeen Lakh Seventy One Thousand Eight Hundred And Eighty Four Only)	All that piece and parcel of the property being: Southern And Northern Portion Of Municipal Site No 252, Assessment No 14/4, Property No 45/14, Situated At Malgalu Village, Yeshwanthpur Hobli, Bangalore North TQ, Karnataka, India, 560072. Area Admeasuring (in Sq. Ft.): Property Type: Land_area, Property Area: 2025.00, Bounded By: North: Poojappa Property, South: Remaining Portion Of Same Property, East: Road, West: Others Property
Mr. Ramachandra N Siddarth Enterprises Mrs. Rajalakshmi M S, **Prospect No 978522**	**12/07/2024 is ₹3454627.00/-** (Rupees Thirty Four Lakh Fifty Four Thousand Six Hundred And Twenty Seven Only)	All that piece and parcel of the property being: Property Bearing Ground Floor Portion of Property In Block of Rear Residential Building, Bearing New Municipal No. 122/49, old No.122, Pid No. 59- 85-49, Situated At 27 Th Cross, 7th Block, Jayanagar, Bangalore, Karnataka, 560070. Area Admeasuring (in Sq. Ft.): Property Type: Land_area Property Area : 1300.00, Bounded By : North: Property of Mohan Raj And Common Passage, South: Site No 113, East: Site No 123 And 123A, West: Property of M S Rajalakshmi Property
Mr. Kumar Swamy S Mathrushree Textiles, Mrs. Puttagowramma **Prospect No 978640**	**12/07/2024 is ₹2306484.00/-** (Rupees Twenty Three Lakh Six Thousand Four Hundred And Eighty Four Only)	All that piece and parcel of the property being: Property Bearing Kaneshumari No.85, Katha No.106, Property No.106/4 Situated At Doddakallasandra Village, Uttarahalli Hobili, Bangalore South Tq, Karnataka, 560062. Area Admeasuring (in Sq. Ft.): Property Type: Land_area, Built_up_area, Carpet_area, Property Area: 405.00, 706.00, 599.00 Bounded By : North: Property of Borappa, South: Proepty of Kariyappa, East: Passage, West: Passage
Mr. Boralingaiah Kanakapura Shivakumar, Mrs. Asha, Mrs. Gowramma, **Prospect No IL10224640**	**12/07/2024 is ₹1964197.00/-** (Rupees Nineteen Lakh Sixty Four Thousand One Hundred And Ninety Seven Only)	All that piece and parcel of the property being: Property No.44/236, E Swathu No. 152900200300200560, Situated At Kallahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Kanakapura TQ, Ramanagara Dist, Karnataka, India, 562117. Area Admeasuring (in Sq. Ft.) : Property Type: Land_area, Property Area : 1750.00. Bounded By: North: 6 Feet Road, South: Property of Muthaiah, East: Property of Narayanachar E, West: Road
Mr. Channigaiah Kalpavruksha Provision Store, Mrs. Chittanahalli Gangadharaiah Kalpana, **Prospect No IL10352994**	**15/07/2024 is ₹ 688191.00/-** (Rupees Six Lakh Eighty Eight Thousand One Hundred And Ninety One Only)	All that piece and parcel of the property being: Property No. 310/2/3, E Swathu No. 152900300300120030, Anjanahalli Village, Magadi, Ramanagara District, Karnataka, 562201. Area Admeasuring (in Sq. Ft.): Property Type: Land_area, Built_up_area, Carpet_area, Property Area: 2604.00, 322.00, 273.00. Bounded By : North : Road, South : Passage, East : Private of Kumbaiah, West: Government Road
Mr. Makthar Beig Mr. Nayeem Baig Mrs. Noor Jan **Prospect No. 977614**	**12/07/2024 is ₹1611788.00/-** (Rupees Sixteen Lakh Eleven Thousand Seven Hundred And Eighty Eight Only)	All that piece and parcel of the property being : Municipal Kaneshumari No.570/3694C, Situated At Mahaboob Nagar Mohalla, Ramanagara Town Ramanagara Tq, Ramanagara Dist, Karnataka,, 562159. Area Admeasuring (in Sq. Ft.) : Property Type: Land_area, Built_up_area, Carpet_area, Property Area: 600.00, 900.00, 765.00 Bounded By : North: Proaperty of Noor Beig, South: Property of Showkath Beig, East: Road West: Property of Yaseen Beig

If the said Borrower fail to make payment to IIFL HFL as aforesaid, IIFL HFL may proceed against the above secured assets under Section 13(4) of the said Act, and the applicable Rules, entirely at the risks, costs and consequences of the Borrowers. For further details please contact to Authorised Officer at **Branch Office :** "SOMAMERIT", No.9, Ground Floor, Venkataswamy Naidu Street, Taskar Town, Shivajinagar, Bangalore 560051 or **Corporate Office :** IIFL Tower, Plot No. 98, Udyog Vihar, Ph-IV Gurgaon, Haryana.

Place : BANGALORE | Date : 18.07.2024
Sd/- Authorised Officer, For IIFL Home Finance Ltd.

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CHAMUNDESHWARI ELECTRICITY SUPPLY CORPORATION LIMITED
(A Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
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CESC, Mysuru-570017.

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Company Identity Number(CIN): U40109KA2004SGC035177

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SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION

(E-PROCUREMENT PORTAL ONLY)

CESC, Mysore invites Short Term Tenders from eligible bidders for services as mentioned below:

Sl.No	Services	Enquiry No/ Date
1	Providing 788 Nos of Line helpers through outsource agency to carry out line works in CESC Jurisdiction for a period of Twelve months on total turnkey basis	C2-5734/ 10-07-2024

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Sd/- General Manager (Procurement), CESC, Mysuru.

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Piramal Capital & Housing Finance

PIRAMAL CAPITAL & HOUSING FINANCE LTD.
CIN : L65910MH1984PLC032639
Registered Office: Unit No.-601,6th Floor, Piramal Amiti Building, Piramal Agastya Corporate Park, Kamani Junction, Opp. Fire Station, LBS Marg, Kurla (West), Mumbai - 400070
Branch Address : Dhiraj Baug, Building "A" Ground & 1st Floor, Beside Axis Bank, Opp. Monalisa Building, Agra Road, Hari Niwas Circle, Naupada, Thane (West) – 400 602.

DEMAND NOTICE

Under Section 13(2) of the Securitisation And Reconstruction of Financial Assets And Enforcement Of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with Rule 3 (1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. The undersigned is the Authorised Officer of Piramal Capital & Housing Finance Limited (PCHFL) under Securitisation And Reconstruction Of Financial Assets And Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (the said Act). In exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) of the said Act read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, the Authorised Officer has issued Demand Notices under Section 13(2) of the said Act, calling upon the following Borrower(s) (the "said Borrower(s)"), to repay the amounts mentioned in the respective Demand Notice(s) issued to them that are also given below. In connection with above, Notice is hereby given, once again, to the said Borrower(s) to pay to PCHFL, within 60 days from the publication of this Notice, the amounts indicated herein below, together with further interest as detailed in the said Demand Notice(s), from the date(s) mentioned below till the date of payment and/or realization, payable under the loan agreement read with other documents/writings, if any, executed by the said Borrower(s). As security for due repayment of the loan, the following assets have been mortgaged to PCHFL by the said Borrower(s) respectively.

Name of the Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s)	Demand Notice Date and Amount with NPA date	Description of secured asset (immovable property)
(LC No. 00200004427 of Bengaluru - Magestic Branch) Srinivasan Ramaswamy (Borrower) Ramaswamy Manikyam (Co Borrower 1)	25-06-2024 /₹ 182731/-(₹ One lakh Eighty Two Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty One Rupees) NPA (09-06-2024)	Site No.15, Khata No.654/293 P /15 Survey No.2/6, Doddadunnasandra Villege Anugondanahalli Hobli, Hoskote Bangalore Bengaluru Karnataka :- 562114
(LC No. 08600002217 of Bengaluru Metro Jayanagar Branch) Vishal Sandeep Dsouza (Borrower) Leena Veronica Dsouza (Co Borrower 1)	25-06-2024 /₹ 722229/-(₹ Seven lakh Twenty Two Thousand Two Hundred Twenty Nine Rupees) NPA (09-06-2024)	Flat No.508, Aryan Founttain Square, 4th Floor, Indlabele Village, Atibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Bengaluru Karnataka :- 562106
(LC No. 12700001838 of Bengaluru S V Koramangala Branch) Vinayaka Swami S Kalamath (Borrower)	25-06-2024 /₹ 421850/-(₹ Four lakh Twenty One Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty Rupees) NPA (10-05-2024)	Site No. 64, Sy No. 23, Ramasandra Village, Narasapura Hobli Kolar Kolar Karnataka :- 562102
(LC No. 15400000608 of Kolar Branch) Rajesh Babu Biradar (Borrower) Shobha B Patil (Co Borrower 1)	25-06-2024 /₹ 1288361/-(₹ Twelve lakh Eighty Eight Thousand Three Hundred Sixty One Rupees) NPA (10-05-2024)	Site No. 22 & 23, Katha No.385/2682, Thirumale Village, Kasaba Hobli, Ramanagara Taluk, Magadi Bengaluru Karnataka :- 562120
(LC No. 12700002107 of Bengaluru S V Koramangala Branch) Laveena Janet Monteiro (Borrower) Felix Serrao (Co Borrower 1)	25-06-2024 /₹ 7754525/-(₹ Seventy Seven lakh Fifty Four Thousand Five Hundred Twenty Five Rupees) NPA (10-05-2024)	House Nos. 17&18,khata No.1212/723/17,18 Sy No. 8/1, Chikkabettalli Village Yelahanka Hobli Bangalore Bengaluru Karnataka :- 560064
(LC No. 02800005131 of Shivamoga Branch) Ayesha Kareem (Borrower) Rahamath Ulla (Co Borrower 1) Gulashanaara A Shaikh (Co Borrower 2)	25-06-2024 /₹ 758326/-(₹ Seven lakh Fifty Eight Thousand Three Hundred Twenty Six Rupees) NPA (09-06-2024)	Khata No 3326/a/3049 Halesanthevere Opp Masjid Sakaleshpura Hassan Karnataka :- 573134
(LC No. 01200002929 of Mangaluru Branch) Vishal Kumar (Borrower) Sunil Kumar (Co Borrower 1)	25-06-2024 /₹ 2656105/-(₹ Twenty Six lakh Fifty Six Thousand One Hundred Five Rupees) NPA (09-10-2022)	Door No-19-5-295/3,sy No-157/2a Cantonment Ward Attavara Village Dakshin Kannada Dakshin Kannada Karnataka :- 575002
(LC No. 214JAY34854 of Bengaluru - Jayanagar -1 Branch) Shanthaprasad Dilip Devarayasamudram (Borrower) Vijaya Suresh Rao (Co Borrower 1)	25-06-2024 /₹ 427926/-(₹ Four lakh Twenty Seven Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty Six Rupees) NPA (09-06-2024)	PLOT NO. L-95/A , EAGLETON-THE GOLF VILLAGE, VILLAGE BILLAKEMPANAHALLI, SHYANAMANGALA AND BANANDUR VILLAGE, BIDADI HOBLI BANGALORE Karnataka - 562109
(LC No. M0186296 of Bengaluru - Jayanagar Branch) Yashodhar R (Borrower) Sujatha K (Co Borrower 1)	25-06-2024 /₹ 2216375/-(₹ Twenty Two lakh Sixteen Thousand Three Hundred Seventy Five Rupees) NPA (04-06-2024)	Anekal Taluk, Property No.40 57, PID No. 150200101600300076, Kathriguppe Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Bangalore, Karnataka-560099
(LC No. 09100004377 of Borivali Branch) Amit Varma (Borrower) Chanda Varma (Co Borrower 1)	25-06-2024 /₹ 26934402/-(₹ Two Crore Sixty Nine lakh Thirty Four Thousand Four Hundred Two Rupees) NPA (30-09-2020)	Flat No. 2403, 24Th Floor, The Autograph Project, Sahakar Nagar Behind Wadala Bus Depot, Wadala East, Mumbai Mumbai Suburban Maharashtra :- 400037

If the said Borrowers shall fail to make payment to PCHFL as aforesaid, PCHFL shall proceed against the above secured assets under Section 13(4) of the Act and the applicable Rules, entirely at the risks of the said Borrowers as to the costs and consequences. The said Borrowers are prohibited under the Act from transferring the aforesaid assets, whether by way of sale, lease or otherwise without the prior written consent of PCHFL. Any person who contravenes or abets contravention of the provisions of the said Act or Rules made there under, shall be liable for imprisonment and/or penalty as provided under the Act.

Date : 18.07.2024 | Place : Bangalore
Sd/- (Authorised Officer), Piramal Capital & Housing Finance Limited

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JANA SMALL FINANCE BANK
(A scheduled commercial bank)

Registered Office: The Fairway, Ground & First Floor, Survey No.10/1, 11/2 & 12/2B, Off Domlur, Koramangla Inner Ring Road, Next to EGL Business Park, Challaghatta, Bangalore-560071.

DEMAND NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13(2) OF SARFAESI ACT, 2002.

Whereas you the below mentioned Borrower's, Co-Borrower's, Guarantor's and Mortgagors have availed loans from **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited,** by mortgaging your immovable properties. Consequent to default committed by you all, your loan account has been classified as **Non-performing Asset,** whereas **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited** being a secured creditor under the Act, and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13(2) of the said Act read with rule 2 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued **Demand notice** calling upon the Borrower's/ Co-Borrower's/ Guarantor's/ Mortgagors as mentioned in column No.2 to repay the amount mentioned in the notices with future interest thereon within **60 days** from the date of notice, but the notices could not be served on some of them for various reasons.

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor/ Mortgagor	Loan Account No. & Loan Amount	Details of the Security to be enforced	Date of NPA & Demand Notice date	Amount Due in Rs./ as on
1	**1) M/s. Meubles,** Represented by it's Proprietor **Mr. Tariq Hussain, 2) Mr. Tariq Hussain,** Proprietor of **M/s. Meubles, Also at: M/s. Meubles, 3) Mrs. Juhi Saudha G**	**Loan Account No. 30198645137550 Loan Amount: Rs.49,50,000/-**	**Mortgaged Immovable Property: Item No.1:** Northern Portion out of Composite Property bearing Site Nos.105 and 108 in Khata No.76 Situated at Hommadevanahalli Village, Begur Hobli Bangalore South Taluk Bangalore, Coming under Doddatogur Grama Panchayath Begur, measuring East to West 40 Feet and North to South 45 Feet in all measuring 1800 Sq.ft and together **Bounded on the: On the East:** Site No.106 and 107, **On the West:** Road, **On the North:** Site No.109 & **On the South:** Remaining Portion Sold to Mrs. Mehrunnisa. **Item No.2:** All the piece and parcel of the property bearing Triangle Shape Site No.73 Old Katha No.77 New VP Katha No.346 Assessment No.77 Situated at Hommadevanahallu Village Begur Hobli Bangalore South Taluk Presently comes under Doddathoguru Panchayath Limits, totally measuring 1358 Sq.ft and together **Bounded on the: On the East:** Kuppuswamy's property, **On the West:** Road, **On the North:** Site No.72 & **On the South:** Road. Along with One Square of AC sheet house built in thereon.	**Date of NPA: 02-07-2024 Demand Notice Date: 15-07-2024**	**Rs. 46,91,205.30** (Rupees Forty Six Lakh Ninety One Thousand Two Hundred Five and Thirty Paisa Only) **due as on 08-07-2024**

Notice is therefore given to the Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor & Mortgagor as mentioned in Column No.2, calling upon them to make payment of the aggregate amount as shown in column No.6, against all the respective Borrower/ Co-Borrower within **60 days** of Publication of this notice as the said amount is found payable in relation to the respective loan account as on the date shown in Column No. 6. It is made clear that if the aggregate amount together with future interest and other amounts which may become payable till the date of payment, is not paid, **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited** shall be constrained to take appropriate action for enforcement of security interest upon properties as described in Column No.4. Please note that this publication is made without prejudice to such rights and remedies as are available to **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited** against the Borrower's/ Co-Borrower's/ Guarantor's/ Mortgagors of the said financials under the law, you are further requested to note that as per section 13(13) of the said act, you are restrained/ prohibited from disposing of or dealing with the above security or transferring by way of sale, lease or otherwise of the secured asset without prior consent of Secured Creditor.

Date: 18.07.2024, Place: Bangalore **Sd/- Authorised Officer, For Jana Small Finance Bank Limited**

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY

The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites E-Tenders for the following work.

E-Tender Notice No: Y/E.29/2024-25/29
Dated : 10.07.2024

Name of the Work	Approx. Value
Ashokapuram Railway Colony - Reduction of Contract demand from 100KVA to 80KVA and also replacement of 2 Ct's and 2 Pt's HT metering cubicle by cable entry type 3 Ct's and 3 Pt's at RR No. HT465	**Rs. 6,41,421/-**

Last date for submission of bids: **Upto 11:00 Hrs on 31-07-2024**

E-Tender Notice No: Y/E.29/2024-25/30
Dated : 10.07.2024

Name of the Work	Approx. Value
Construction of New OPD Block and other Specialties near existing Railway Hospital.	**Rs. 13,92,422/-**

Last date for submission of bids: **Upto 11:00 Hrs on 31-07-2024**

For details log on: www.ireps.gov.in

Senior Divisional Electrical Engineer/General Mysuru

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DEMAND NOTICE

(60 Day's Notice to Borrower/Guarantor)

To: Date:11.07.2024

Mr. Gurram Vijayabhaskar Reddy, Flat No.101, Srivari Enclave, AECS Layout , A -Block, Kundalahalli, Bangalore-560037. **Mr Gurram Ravi Shankar Reddy**, Old Door No.13-8-93, 7th Lane, New Door No13-8-96,Gunturivari Thotda, Guntur-522001. **Mrs. Gurram Siva Parvathi**, Old Door No.13-8-93, 7th Lane, New Door No.13-8-96, Gunturivari Thota, Guntur-522001. **Mrs Konda Santhi Sree**, Old Door No.13-8-93, 7th Lane, New Door No.13-8-96,Gunturivari Thota, Guntur-522001. **Mr. Gurram Vijayabhaskar Reddy,** Old Door No 13-8-93, 7th Lane, New Door No13-8-96, Gunturivari Thota, Guntur-522001. **Mr Gurram Vijayabhaskar Reddy,** C/o. Mayuri Lodge, Dno.13-8-179, With 13-8-179b, Old Ward No. 8, New Ward No 13, Block No1,Kothapeta Po, Opp .APSRTC Bus Stattion, Guntur-522001. **Mrs Gurram Siva Parvathi**, W/o. Late Mohan Krishna, Flat No 203, Sai Krupa Appartment, 6th Lane, Main Road.Guntur-522006. **Mr. Gurram Ravi Shankar Reddy**, S/o. G Mohan Krishna Reddy, Flat No 203, Sai Krupa Appartment, Main Road, Devapuram, Guntur-522002. **Mr Gurram Vijayabhaskar Reddy,** S/o. Gurram Mohan Krishna Reddy, Flat No 5a,Vintage Pride,#674, Cblock,Kundanhalli, Bangalore North,Bangalore Karnataka-560037. **Mr. Gurram Ravi Shankar Reddy**, C/o. Mayuri Lodge Dno 13-8-179, With 13-8-179b, Old Ward No.8, New Ward No.13, Block No1,Kothapeta Po, Opp APSRTC Bus Stattion, Guntur-522001. **Mrs Gurram Siva Parvathi,** C/o. Mayuri Lodge, Dno.13-8-179, With 13-8-179b, Old Ward No.8, New Ward No.13, Block No.1,Kothapeta Po, Opp. Apsrtc Bus Stattion, Guntur-522001. **Mrs. Konda Santhi Sree**, C/o. Mayuri Lodge, Dno.13-8-179, With 13-8-179b, Old Ward No.8, New Ward No.13, Block No1,Kothapeta Po, Opp. APSRTC Bus Stattion, Guntur-522001. **Mr Gurram Vijayabhaskar Reddy,** No-126,1st Floor, 2E Cross, Opp.Fire Station, Ombr Layout, Banswadi, Bangalore-560043.

Dear Sir/Madam,

NOTICE U/s 13(2) of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (SARFAESI).

Reg : Account No. 0514210307481 (Shri GURRAM VIJAYABHASKAR REDDY-Cust id : FWS006545) , (Shri GURRAM RAVI SHANKAR REDDY-U12816220), (Smt. GURRAM SIVA PARVATHI-U12816231), (Mrs KONDA SANTHI SREE-U12816234) Credit facility availed by you from our **BO: GUNTUR (051420)**

You, had availed the following credit facilities from Our BO: GUNTUR (051420)

S. No.	Facility	Limit (Rs.)	Balance o/s as on 30-06-2024 (Amount in Rupees)
1	0514210307481- ODMIP - MSME LOANS AGAINST IP	50,00,000.00	50,41,501.25
	TOTAL	50,00,000.00	50,41,501.25

Due to non-payment of installment/ interest/ principal debt, the accounts have been classified as Non Performing Asset on **18-06-2024** as per Reserve Bank of India guidelines. We have demanded/recalled the entire outstanding together with interest and other charges due under the above facilities.

The total dues to the Bank as on **30-06-2024** are **Rs.50,41,501.25 Ps** (Rupees Fifty Lakhs Forty One Thousand and Five Hunbdred One and Paisa Twenty Five only) with further interest & other charges from **01-07-2024** until payment in full (herein after referred to as "secured debt"). To secure the out standings under the above said facilities, you have, inter alia, created security interest in respect of the following properties/assets:

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY

Primary Security: Property in the name of Late Shri GURRAM MOHANKRISHNA REDDY S/o G NAGI REDDY Legal Heirs are GURRAM VIJAYABHASKAR REDDY, MR GURRAM RAVI SHANKAR REDDY, MRS GURRAM SIVA PARVATHI, MRS KONDA SANTHI SREE vide registered sale deed doc no 1637/1990 dated 06.03.1990 and Registered Sale deed doc no 3431/1994 dated 31.05.1994 and Registered Rectification deed doc no 4830/2003 dated 31.05.2003

Equitable Mortgage of the property (commercial building Ground+ 4 upper floors) bearing Door no 13-8-179 & 13-8-179-B, Assessment number 12994, block no 1, Ward No 13(New) at Gunturuvari Thota, Guntur, Mayuri Lodge (Presently called Mamatha Grand) Opp to New Busstand building constructed in the following manner.

Item -1: Western side of 166 square yards of site and commercial building in its bearing with survey number T. S No 4, Block No1, in old ward no 8, Door no 13-8-179 & 13-8-179-B, Assessment number 12994, block no 1, Ward No 13(New) Gunturvari thota, Guntur-Vijayawada NH5 Road (previously namely called as Mayuri Lodge) presently called as Mamatha Grand Opposite to New RTC bustand, situated on the western side of Guntur- Vijayawada Road is being **Bounded by: East:** Guntur-Vijayawada Main Road NH-5, **South:** Property of vinayasramam and this property of compound wall, **West:** Joint Wall, **North:** Remaining property of Abdul Munag & others balance site.

Item-2: Western side of 154.50 square yards of site and commercial building in its bearing Door No 13-8-179 ,with Assessment no 8682,T.S No 4, Block no 1 in old ward No 8, Door no 13-8-179 & 13-8-179-B, Assessment number 12994, block no 1, Ward No 13(New) Gunturvari thota, Guntur-Vijayawada NH5 Road (previously namely called as Mayuri Lodge) presently called as Mamatha Grand Opposite to New RTC bustand, situated on the western side of Guntur- Vijayawada Road is being **Bounded by: East:** Guntur- Vijayawada Road, **South:** Property of Gurram Mohan Krishna Reddy, **West:** Property of Viniayasramama, **North:** Property of Peddanna and others.

We hereby call upon you to pay the amount of **Rs.50,41,501.25 Ps** (Rupees Fifty Lakhs Forty One Thousand and Five Hundred One and Paisa Twenty Five only) as on **30.06.2024** with further interest & other charges from **01-07-2024** at the contracted rate until payment in full within 60 days (sixty days) from the date of this notice. In default, besides exercising other rights of the Bank as available under Law, the Bank is intending to exercise any or all of the powers as provided under section 13(4) of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 (hereinafter referred to as "the Act"). The details of the secured asset/s intended to be enforced by the Bank, in the event of non-payment of secured debt by you are as above.

Your attention is hereby drawn invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section13 of the Act in respect of time available to you to redeem the secured assets.

Please take notice that in terms of section 13(13) of the said Act, you shall not, after receipt of this notice, transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise (other than in the ordinary course of business) any of the secured assets above referred to, without prior written consent of the Bank.

You are also put on notice that any contravention of this statutory injunction/restraint, as provided under the said Act, is an offence. If for any reason, the secured assets are sold or leased out in the ordinary course of business, the sale proceeds or income realized shall be deposited/remitted with/to the Bank. You will have to render proper account of such realization/income.

***We reserve our rights to enforce other secured assets.**

***Please comply with this demand under this notice and avoid all unpleasantness.** In case of non-compliance, further needful action will be resorted to, holding you liable for all costs and consequences.

*This notice is issued without prejudice to the bank taking legal action before DRT/Court, as the case may be.

*This notice is issued without prejudice to the bank's rights in the suit/ litigation pending before DRT/Court.

Date : 15-07-2024 **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Place : Vijayawada **PUNJAB NATIONAL BANK**

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are hereby notified that my client proposes to purchase the below mentioned Schedule Property from **Smt. MALATHY SUKUMAR,** aged about 69 years, Wife of Late Sri. H. S. Sukumar, No.1557, 16th 'A' Main Road, J. P. Nagar 2nd Phase, **BENGALURU – 560 078,** who represent that she acquired the Schedule Property herein by succession and Release Deed dated 13/06/2024 registered as Document No.1522/2024-25 in Book-I and stored in electronic form in the Centralized Data Cell, in the Office of the Sub-Registrar, Jayanagar (Shanthinagar), Bengaluru executed by her daughters namely **Smt. SOWMYA LAKSHMI RANGANATH** alias **H. S. SOWMYA LAKSHMI and Smt. H. S. RAMYA.** Persons objecting for the proposed purchase or having any right in the Schedule Property may lodge their objections and/or claims with the undersigned along with supporting documentary evidence within Ten days from the date of publication and objections and/or claims received thereafter will not be binding on my client and my client will proceed to purchase the below mentioned property as if there are no claimants/ objections.

:SCHEDULE PROPERTY:

ALL that piece and parcel of House Property bearing Municipal No.1557, PID No.57-69-1557, situated at 16th 'A' Main Road, J. P. Nagar 2nd Phase, Ward No.177 of J P Nagar, Bengaluru, measuring East to West 13.41 Meters and North to South 9.14 Meters in all measuring 122.56 Sq. Mtrs. of sital area and the site is bounded by:

East : Property in Site No.1553;
West : Road;
North : Property in Site No.1558; and
South : Property in Site No.1556.

Sri. N. L. MAHESHWARA PRASAD, Advocate
No.819, 2nd Main Road, BEML Layout 5th Stage, 2nd Phase, Rajarajeshwari Nagar, Bengaluru – 560 098. Mb.: 97399 79047

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that my clients **1. Mr. S.RANGANATH,** S/o Jayaram and **2. Mrs. SOWJANYA PANYAM,** W/o S.Ranganath, Both are Residing at No.13/180-E, Anjali Nagar, Guntakal, Anantapur, Andhra Pradesh-515801, entered into agreement to purchase **Site No.85 measuring 1200 Square feet** together with building, formed in the Converted land bearing Survey No.413/2 situated at **Kalkere Village,** K.R.Puram Hobli Bangalore East Taluk, from its Owners **1.Mr. HARI BRAHMA REDDY,** S/o Mr.M.Guru Brahma Reddy, Residing at No.23rd ward, Dandupalya, Hoskote Bangalore Rural, Bengaluru-562 114 and **2.Mr. GULUGULURI RAJASHEKAR REDDY,** S/o Sri.Guluguluri Venkateswarlu, Residing at No.8-136, Guluguluri Vari Palli, Kangiri Mandalam, Dririsavacha, Prakasam, Andhra Pradesh-523 245.

If any body is having any right, title, claim, interest or objections over the same, may file their objections with documents within **10 days** from this date, failing which my clients will proceed further and get the sale deed in their/nominees name.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the property bearing **Site No.85**, formed in the Converted land bearing Survey No.413/2 (Old Survey No.413), situated at **Kalkere Village,** K.R.Puram Hobli Bangalore East Taluk, comes under the limits of Bruhath Bengalore Mahanagara Palike, measuring **East to West 40 feet** and **North to South 30 feet** in all measuring **1200 Square feet** together with building standing thereon consisting of Duplex House Ground Floor, First Floor and Terrace Floor totally measuring **2400 sq ft** with electricity fittings and BWSSB connections and bounded on :

East by : Private Property,
West by : Road,
North by : Site No.86
South by : Site No.84.

R.SURENDRANATH BENARGY, Advocate, #14 & 15, 2nd Cross, Kodindaramareddy layout, Ramamurthy nagar, Bangalore-16. Mobile – 9845784151.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The general public are here by informed that My client **Sri. Basavaraju** S/o Late. Govindappa, residing at GBR layout, Lakshmpura village, Vidyaranapura -Post Bangalore-97, entered in to an Agreement with Kenchappa S/o Buddappa on dated 17/09/1983 in respect of land bearing Sy.No-12/3B, measuring 19 gunts, Lakshmipura village, Yashawanthapura -Hobli, Bangalore north -taluk, and this said Kenchappa was Died leaving behind his children's madduruppa, GaliAnjinappa and Maddurappa @ Chikka Maddurappa and also one Galihanumakka D/o Dayava and she is also entered in to G.P.A. and Affidavit in favour of my client on 2-07-1986 and paid entire sale consideration to the said personsand also handed over vacant possession of the said property to my client and my client is in actual physical possession and enjoyment of the schedule property and developed the same and put up compound wall and dug the Borwell and Constructed sewerage tank and my client is in possession and enjoyment of the same. And in the year 2023 the children's of Kenchappa has filed a suit in Os.No.38/2023 for Permeant injunction against my client and my client appeared and filed his written statement and subsequently the children's of Kenchappa with drawn the said suit unconditionally on.15/07/2024 the said suit is dismissed as with drawn. Hence my client is the owner/Agreement holder and physical possession of the said property as such the said property is not for sale to any body. If any third parties are intend into entered into any agreement of sale or sale deed from the said persons my client will be not responsible for any loss, damage, caused by the public in general and my client not responsible any consequences and damages to the public

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the land bearing Sy.No.12/3B, measuring 0-19 Guntas, situated at Lakshmipura Village, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore Urban District and Bonded on. **East by:** Venkataswamappa and Munikalapaproperty, **West by:** Chikkavenkatappa's land, **North by:** Chikkavenkatappa's land, **South by:** Maddurappa and Purukullappa's land

H.P. LEELADHAR & Co. H.P. LEELADHAR, Advocate & Consultant
OFFICE: #301, 2nd Floor, 18th Cross, SLNS Orchids, Opp. Vijayanagar TTMC Depot, WOC Road Extn, Vijayanagar Bengaluru-560 040, Cell: +91 93412 22891 Email: hpleeladhar@gmail.com
Date: 17/07/2024.

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY

Tender Notice No: CAO/CN/BNC/18/2024
Dated : 09-07-2024

The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites E-Tenders for the following work.

Name of the Work	Approx. Value
Appointment of Authority Engineer for Providing Project Management Services for Construction of New Broad Gauge Line Track between Sindhanur (excl.) (Ch:84820) and Raichur (excl.) (Ch:165000) (80.18km) Under Ginigera - Raichur New Line Project (165.57Km) Including Signalling, Telecommunications & Electrical Works through Engineering Procurement and Construction (EPC). **(Tender Ref. No.: PMS-SINDHANUR-RAICHUR)**	**Rs. 13,68,89,906/-**

Last date for submission of bids: **Upto 15:00 Hrs on 09-09-2024**

For details log on: www.ireps.gov.in

Deputy Chief Engineer / Construction / Works Bengaluru Cantonment

PUB/273/AAS/PRB/SWR/2024-25
South Western Railway - SWR @SWRRLY SWRRLY

IN THE COURT OF THE ADDL. DISTRICT AND SESSIONS JUDGE, CITY CIVIL COURT AT BANGALORE (CCH-26)
P&SC No.115/2024

BETWEEN: Yasmin Vijaya Maryse Sengupta, Aged about 56 years, D/O late Huguette Celestine, Residing at G2, No. 282, 100 Feet Road, Defence Colony, Indiranagar 2nd Stage, Bangalore- 560 038 **...PETITIONER**

AND: -NIL- **..... RESPONDENT**

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas the above named has made petition to this court under section 276 of the Indian Succession Act seeking grant of probate of her Aunt's Will dated 28th of September 2011, in respect of schedules bellow. The below mentioned schedule has been held by the petitioners aunt Marie Therese Germaine Clairon who expired on 23.03.2015

Interested parties are herby called upon to appear before this Court in person or by pleader dully instructed on 14-08-2024 at 11 AM inform to show cause against the petitioner failing wherein the appearance will be heard and declared exparte.

SCHEDULE 'A' PROPERTY

All that residential apartment bearing No. 301 in 3rd Floor, of block Athens and forming one of the buildings in "Acropolis", apartment measuring 2292 Sq Feet Super built up area with one top covered car parking space in the basement floor and one and one open uncovered car parking space together with proportionate share in common area and UDS situated at 7th Block, Koramangala, Hosur Road, Bangalore - 560 030

SCHEDULE 'B' PROPERTY

A flat at "Esplanade"-G2, No. 282, 100 Feet road, Defence Colony, Indiranagar 2nd Stage, Bangalore 560038.

SCHEDULE 'C' PROPERTIES

Item No.: 1. Saving Bank Accounts. 2. Fixed Deposit with Bank. 3. Bank Locker Nos. 69 and 581 in the State Bank of India, St. Marks Road, Bangalore. 4. Personal items such as clothing. 5. Jewelry consisting of gold, silver, and precious stones 6. Cash in the form of Notes $Coins.

Given under my hand & seal of the court this 09.07.2024.

By Order of the court
Asst. Registrar, City Civil Court Bengaluru
Advocate For Petitioners **Adv. K.G. Dhruv Uthappa, Contriance Legal Solutions,** No. 9, 1st Floor, 30th Cross Tilak Nagar Main Road 4th T Block East, Jayanagar, Bengaluru, Karnataka, Bangalore-560041.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given to the general public under the instructions of our client ("**Client**"). We are investigating the title to the property more particularly described in the **Schedule** hereunder written ("**Property**").

All person(s), entity, firm, or institution (corporate or otherwise) (individually "**Claimant**") having any claim, right, title, share, estate, benefit, pending litigation, objection, interest, or demand of any nature in or upon the or in respect of the Property or any part thereof including by way of inheritance, mortgage, sale, agreement for sale, transfer, assignment, lease, sub-lease, license, lien, charge, trust, maintenance, easement, gift, acquisition, requisition, any encumbrance, or beneficial right / interest under any trust, right of prescription or pre-emption or under any agreement or other disposition or under any suit, decree, injunction order or attachment or award passed by any Court or Authority litigation, *lis-pendens*, decree or order of any adjudicating authority, exchange, partition, power of attorney, will, bequest, FSI, tenancy, development rights, partnership, family arrangement /settlement, possession, allotment or otherwise howsoever (collectively, "**Claims**") are hereby requested to make the same known in writing along with complete documentary proof to the undersigned having their office at Khaitan & Co LLP, Embassy Quest, 3rd Floor, 45/1, Magrath Road, Bengaluru – 560025, India within a period of 14 (fourteen) days from the date of publication hereof, failing which, it shall be presumed that no such Claims exist and if they exist, it shall be deemed that the Claimant has relinquished and disregarded such Claims and/or waived any right to exercise such Claims, and any such Claim shall not be binding on the Company or any successors to the Property.

SCHEDULE

(Description of the Property)

The residential project named 'ELV High Garden' being developed on the residentially converted land admeasuring 13,464.50 square meters (excluding the land measuring 633.41 square meters relinquished in favour of BBMP) comprised in erstwhile Survey No 53/3 of Whitefield Village, Krishnarajapuram Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, presently having BBMP Khatha No 656/403, Sy No 53/3, Whitefield Sub-Division, Bengaluru - 560066 and bounded on the:

East by : Land in Survey No. 54;
West by : Remaining portion of land in Survey No 53/3;
North by : Land in Survey No. 59; and
South by : Land in Survey No. 48 and a road.

Date : 18th July 2024
Place : Bengaluru

Sudheer Madamaiah
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केनरा बैंक Canara Bank Syndicate

FRAZER TOWN BRANCH-I
86/3, Coles Road, Bangalore-560 005.
TEL. : 080-25362020 / 25554842 / 9483530407
E-mail : cb0407@canarabank.com

POSSESSION NOTICE

See Section-13 (4) : (FOR IMMOVABLE PROPERTY)

Whereas : The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the **M/s. CANARA BANK, Frazer Town Branch-I, Bangalore-5 under SARFAESI ACT-2002** and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a **Demand Notice dated 06-05-2024** calling upon the **borrowers Sri. SUHAIL AHMED,** S/o. Sri. Syed Khader **R/@** # 1658, Shivaramaiaha Layout, 1st Cross, HBR Layout, Bengaluru-560043. **& Sri. SYED AKRAM** S/o. Sri. Syed Khader, **R/@** # 222, 6th Cross, Shivaramaiah Layout, HBR Layout, Bengaluru-560 043 to repay the amount mentioned in the notice, being **Rs. 13,64,842=29 ps.** (Rupees Thirteen lakhs Sixtyfour thousand Eight hundred and Fortytwo and Paise Twentynine only), **(plus further interest till date and incidental expenses thereon) within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said NOTICE.**

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers and Guarantor and the public in general, that **the undersigned has taken possession of the Schedule Property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under section 13 (4) of the said Act, read with Rule 8 & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this 16-07-2024.**

The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the schedule property and any dealings with the schedule property will be subject to the charge of the CANARA BANK, Frazer Town Branch-I, Bangalore-5, for an amount of Rs.13,64,842=29 ps. + further interest+incidental charges thereon.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

SCHEDULE OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY : EMT of All that piece and parcel of the House Property situated at #211/2, Katha # 130, Site # 33, 1st Cross, Kacharakanahalli, HBR Layout, Near BDA Shopping Complex, Kasaba Hobli, Bengaluru-43. **measuring 1674 Sq. Ft. bounded on North by :** 25 Feet Wide Road, **South by :** Doddamuniyappa's Property **East by :** by Doctor's Property and **West by :** Kumar's Property

Date : 16-07-2024 **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Place : Bangalore **CANARA BANK**

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform public at large and all concerned, that my client **Sri. Puttaswamy** S/o late. Thimmabovi, residing at S.L.V Nilaya, Adarsha convent road, Near Gnandhara School, Ward No.3, Malavalli Town, Mandya District (Mobile No. **9341253961**) and Sri. B. Mahadevaswamy S/o Late. Chikkabujagaiah, residing at No 440, Ambedkar Colony, B.J. Pura Hobli, Malavalli Taluk, Mandya District (Mobile No.**9741516198**) is intending to enter into an agreement and/or purchase, for a valuable consideration, an agricultural property as mentioned in the below schedule. Bearing survey No.34/Py measuring 2 acres 20 guntas, situated at Hebbadi village, Kasaba Hobli, Srirangapatna Taluk, Mandya District from Sri. Chowdaiah, Smt. Chaluvamma, Sri. Sukhesh, Smt. Mangalamma, Sri. Madhusudhana, all are residing of Rammanahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Mysuru Taluk.

Through this public notice, it is hereby informed that if any person or persons, Institution, Society or Trust is having any sort of claims and demand by way of ownership, Co-Ownership, debt, lease, rights, General Power of Attorney (GPA), possession, court stay, injunction, minor rights, partition rights, right of way is affected, then such affected persons or parties are requested to inform under mentioned advocate at her address with sufficient documents proof and by written statements within 7 days from the date of this Public Notice, failing which, my client will proceed and get executed Registered Sale deed or Registered Sale deed agreement from the owners and seller as mentioned above, considering the schedule property is free from all sorts of litigation, lien, charge, possession, claims, demands etc having considered them to be the sole owners and in possession of the property and having marketable title to alienate the schedule property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of agricultural land bearing survey No.34/Py measuring 2 acres 20 guntas, situated at Hebbadi village, Kasaba Hobli, Srirangapatna Taluk, Mandya District Pounded on: East: Land of S. Shekh Ahamad, West: Land of Chowdalah and others, South: Road.

Sd/- T. MEENAKSHI, Advocate, KAR 342/2007
#64//B1, 5th Cross, 5th Main, Jayanagara, Mysuru - 14
Mob. No. 9945897380, 7899498418

Can Fin Homes Ltd (Sponsor: CANARA BANK)
DEVANAHALLI BRANCH

Can Fin Homes Ltd
First Floor, Raja Rao Complex
Tippu Sulthan Road
Devanahalli, Bangalore - 562 110
Ph No: 080 27682007, M: 7625079177
e-mail: devanahalli@canfinhomes.com
CIN: L85110KA1987PLC008699

APPENDIX- IV-A
[Proviso to rule 9(1)]
Sale notice for sale of immovable properties

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 9(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

NOTICE is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of Can Fin Homes Ltd.,**Devanahalli Branch,** will be sold by holding e-auction on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on **06.08.2024** for recovery of **Rs.84,80,313.00** (Rupees Eighty four lakh Eighty thousand Three hundred thirteen only) due to Can Fin Homes Ltd. from **Late Mr. Srinivasan. B and Mrs.Rajasri. B. & all other legal heirs,** as on 17.07.2024, together with further interest and other charges thereon. The reserve price will be **Rs. 87,00,000** (Rupees Eight Seven lakh only) and the earnest money deposit will be **Rs.8,70,000/-** (Rupees Eight lakh seventy thousand only)

Description of the Immovable Property

All the Piece and Parcel of Immovable residential property bearing Site No.35, Property No.89/1 Situated at Kowdenahalli Village, K R Puram Hobli Bangalore East Bangalore measuring East to west 43 ft and North to South 30 ft totally 1290 sq feet and further Building Construction there upon. Same is Bounded as under: To the East: Road, To the West: Gangi Reddy's Land, To the North: Site No.34, To the South: Site No.36.

Known encumbrance if any: Nil

The detailed terms and conditions of the sale are provided in the official Website Of Can Fin Homes Ltd., (https://www.canfinhomes.com/searchauction.aspx). Link For Participating in E-auction : https://sarfaesi.auctiontiger.net.

Place: Devanahalli Sd/- Authorised Officer
Date: 17.07.2024 Can Fin Homes Ltd.,

TAMIL NADU GENERATION AND DISTRIBUTION CORPORATION LTD
Notice Inviting Tenders (E-Tendering Process)

Sl.No	Tender Inviting Authority	Specification No.	Total
1	SE / P&A / NCTPS - 2	107	1

For details of Works / Procurement / Due date of submission / opening, viewing and downloading of e-tenders, please visit websites: **www.tangedco.gov.in, www.tenders.tn.gov.in, www.tntenders.gov.in**

DIPR/2374/Tender/2024

MCBL THE MALLESWARAM CO-OPERATIVE BANK LTD.,
H. O : # 102, 7th Cross, Malleswaram, Bangalore - 560 003,
Ph- 080-23342713/23342323, E- Mail : mcb_mall@yahoo.com,
Website : www.mcbl.in

POSSESSION NOTICE [Rule 8 (1)] (For Immovable property)

Whereas The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of **The Malleswaram Co-Operative Bank Ltd., Malleswaram Branch** under the Securitisation and Reconstruct of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 issued a Demand Notice dated **06/04/2024** calling upon the Borrower/Co- Borrower/ Mortgagor/ Guarantor **(1) Sri. Ansar Pasha** S/o Nazeer Ahmed **(2) Smt.Arshiya Tabasum** W/o Ansar Pasha **(3) Sri. Asif Ahmed H** S/o Late Ziauddin Ahmed H All Are **Residing At** : No.13/3, Bradshaw Street, St. Johns Church Road, Nehrupuram, Shivaji Nagar, Bangalore-560001 to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.36,34,162/-** [Rupees Thirty six lakhs thirty four thousand one hundred and sixty two Only] within 60 days from the date of the said notice.

The Said Borrowers of the property failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers of the property and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule-8 of the said rules on this **11th day of July 2024.**

The Borrowers of the property in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of **The Malleswaram Co-Operative Bank Ltd, Malleswaram Branch** for the amount of **Rs.37,49,521/-** [Rupees Thirty Seven lakhs forty nine thousand Five hundred and twenty one Only] as on **30/06/2024** and interest thereon.

Description of the Immovable Property

All that piece and parcel of the Residential Immovable Property bearing No. 16-A, Situated at 'C' Cross, Telegraph 'B' Street, Venkateshpuram, New BBMP Ward No.30, Kadugondanahalli, Bangalore (formerly being site bearing no. 16-A, Khatha No.1320, 98/1, House List No.1299 (Old Assessment No.98/1), Situated at Kadugondanahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk) Presently BBMP Municipal New No.5, PID No.94-273-5, Situated at 1st C Cross, Telegraph Street, Venkateshpuram, Bangalore. Including all rights, privileges and appurtenances thereto, constructed the Site Measuring East to West : 30 feet, North to South : 28 feet , Total : 840 Square Feet. and Bounded as follows : East by : Shameem Ara's Property, West by : Road, North by : Sharfunnissa's Property, South by : Private Property.

Date : 11.07.2024 **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Place : Bangalore **The Malleswaram Co-Operative Bank Ltd.,**

POSSESSION NOTICE

Whereas, the authorized officer of **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited** (Formerly known as Janalakshmi Financial Services Limited)., under the Securitization And Reconstruction of Financial Assets And Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(2) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 issued **demand notices** to the borrower(s)/ Co-borrower(s) calling upon the borrowers to repay the amount mentioned against the respective names together with interest thereon at the applicable rates as mentioned in the said notices within **60 days** from the date of receipt of the said notices, along with future interest as applicable, incidental expenses, costs, charges etc incurred till the date of payment and/ or realisation.

Sr. No.	Loan No.	Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor/ Mortgagor	13(2) Notice Date/ Outstanding Due (in Rs.) as on	Date/ Time & Type of Possession
1	31879440000287	1) Mr. A Mohan Kumar, Prop. of M/s. Mohan Electricals, Also at: M/s. Mohan Electricals, 2) Mrs. J Gayathri	09.05.2024 Rs.8,98,512.80 (Rupees Eight Lakh Ninety Eight Thousand Five Hundred Twelve and Eighty Paisa Only) due as on 06-05-2024	Date: 16-07-2024 Time: 03:15 PM Symbolic Possession
	Description of the Property: All that piece and parcel of the Schedule Property bearing Site No.12 (Twelve) Residential layout formed in Survey No.27/2. As per the 11-B Panchayath Records No.152/27/2/54/12, Property No.150200301900520015, issued by Sulekere Grama Panchayath Limits, Property Situated at Doddabasthi Village, Ramasandra Dhakle, Sulekere Gramapanchayath Limits, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk and the said Site Measuring East to West: 9.14 Mtrs, North to South: 12.19 Mtrs, Totally measuring 111.48 Sq.mtrs., along with One Square A.C Sheet Roofed House, the house is constructed with mud & bricks, Door and windows are of using jungle wood, cement Flooring with electric & water including all other Civic amenities thereon and **Bounded as follows: East by:** Property No.13 belongs to Abdul Salam, **West by:** Remaining portion of Survey No. 27/2-belong to Abdul Salam, **North by:** Property belongs to Rafeeq, **South by:** Road.			

Whereas, the Borrower's/ Co-borrowers'/ Guarantor's/ Mortgagors, mentioned herein above have failed to repay the amounts due, notice is hereby given to the Borrower's mentioned herein above in particular and to the Public in general that the authorized officer of **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited** has **taken symbolic possession** of the properties/ secured assets described herein above in exercise of powers conferred on him under section 13 (4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the dates mentioned above. The Borrower's/ Co-borrower's/ Guarantor's/ Mortgagors, mentioned herein above in particular and the Public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the aforesaid properties/ Secured Assets and any dealings with the said properties/ Secured Assets will be subject to the charge of **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited.**

Place: Bangalore **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Date: 18.07.2024 **For. Jana Small Finance Bank Limited**

JANA SMALL FINANCE BANK (A scheduled commercial bank)

Registered Office: **The Fairway, Ground & First Floor, Survey No.10/1, 11/2 & 12/2B, Off Domlur, Koramangla Inner Ring Road, Next to EGL Business Park, Challaghatta, Bangalore-560071.**

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IDBI BANK LIMITED,
NPA MANAGEMENT GROUP, IBU GIFT CITY BRANCH, IFSC BANKING UNIT, UNIT NO 1402, 14TH FLOOR, SIGNATURE TOWER, BLOCK 13, ROAD- IC, ZONE-1, GIFT SEZ, GIFT CITY, GANDHINAGAR PIN :382355, GUJARAT

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY AT HERALPUR VILLAGE, HARIHARA TALUK, DAVANGERE DISTRICT, KARNATAKA

UNDER THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002 (SARFAESI)

The Authorised Officer (AO) of IDBI Bank Ltd (IDBI) invites Bids/Offers in sealed covers for sale of the following property of mortgagor-Ashapuri Jain Land Developers Pvt. Ltd. in the matter of M/s Vision Metal General Trading FZC (VMGT) (borrower) under the provisions of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, possession whereof has been taken by the AO, IDBI Bank Ltd on September 29, 2018.

1. **Description of the Property**

All that pieces and parcels of Survey No(s). 18 (30 Guntas), 19 (4 Acres 17 Guntas), 21 (3 Acres 22 Guntas), 22 (10 Acres 15 Guntas), 23 (15 Acres 28 Guntas), 25 (10 Acres 5 Guntas), 26 (3 Acres 3.4 Guntas), 27 (5 Acres 8.6 Guntas), 30 P (2 Acres 10 Guntas) and 62/2 (20 Guntas) (Less land admeasuring 10 Acres 7 Guntas comprised in Survey No(s). 19, 22, 23, 25, 26 comprised in Harihar / Heralapur Villages) admeasuring in aggregate 45 Acres 32 Guntas or thereabouts, situate within the Village limits of Harihar / Heralapur, Taluk Harihar, District Davangere (erstwhile Chitradurga District), in the State of Karnataka and bounded as follows:

On the East by : Harpanhalli Road
On the West by : Public Road to Gutter & Partly Tungabhadra River
On the North by : Part of Survey No(s). 28, 33 and 34 and
On the South by : Bangalore Pune Railway Line

Together with building admeasuring 3132 sq. mtrs with RCC roof and cement flooring with jungle wood doors and windows and together with all buildings and structures thereon and all plant and machinery attached to the earth or permanently fastened to anything attached to the earth.

2. **The details of outstanding dues of IDBI as on December 01, 2018 are as under** :

The dues of IDBI Bank Ltd., outstanding as on December 01, 2017 stands at USD 30,068,172.54 [USD Thirty Million Sixty-Eight Thousand One Hundred Seventy Two Dollar and Fifty Four cents only] as on 01.12.2017 plus interest thereon w.e.f. 01.12.2017 plus costs, charges and incidental expenses.

Reserve Price (Rs. In Crore)	Earnest Money Deposit Amount (Rs.In Crore)	Sale of Bid/ Tender Document	Date of Inspection	Last date for submission of sealed bid.	Date & Time of E-Auction
80.00	8.00	July 18, 2024 to August 01, 2024 on any working day (except Second and Fourth Saturday) between 11.00 am 4.00 pm	July 30, 2024, [between 11.00 am to 04.00 pm]	On or before August 01, 2024 upto 04.00 pm	August 02, 2024 11.00 am to 2.00 pm with auto extension of 5 minutes each Bid, if the bidding continues, till the sale is concluded.

3) The sale would be on e-auction platform at website www.bankeauctionwizard.com through e-auction service provider Antares Systems Limited. 4). The interested bidders shall submit their bid along with EMD and KYC documents (PAN Card & Address proof) on receipt of the EMD, bidders shall receive user id/ password on their valid email id (mandatory for e-auction) from the e-auction service provider Antares Systems Limited. 5). The amount of EMD paid by the interested bidders shall carry no interest. 6). The property is proposed to be sold on **"as is where is" and "as is what is basis" and "whatever there is basis" and "no recourse basis".** The AO will not take responsibility for any dues, statutory or otherwise outstanding as on date and yet to fall due, including dues that may affect transfer of property in the name of the purchaser and such dues, if any, will have to be borne by the purchaser. Bank does not take any responsibility to provide information on the same. 7). For detailed procedure, terms and conditions of auction process, intending bidders may arrange to obtain Bid document from the Authorised Officer, Mr. Amaranath B, Deputy General Manager, IDBI Bank Ltd., "BSC Annexe", C.G.Hospital Road, PJ Extension, Davanagere Pin :577004 Karnataka, during July 18, 2024 to August 01, 2024 on any working day (except Second and Fourth Saturday) between 11.00am to 4.00pm. 8). The Bid document can be also downloaded from IDBI Website www.idbi.com and www.bankeauctionwizard.com 9) For detailed information on the procedure of e-auction, please refer to the Bid document and for formalities/ registration to be completed before e-auction, please refer to registration procedure at www.bankeauctionwizard.com. 10) The interested bidders may contact the Authorised Officer- Mr. Amaranath B, on (T) 08192 234324/230330, email: b.amaranath@idbi.co.in and/ or Mr. Subin Varughese, on (T) 079 6675 9930, email: subin_varughese@idbi.co.in, please contact Ms B M Sushmitha Contact No (Mob)+91 8951944383/ Mr. Pravesh Mani Tripathi, Contact No (Mob)+91 9044314492, email id: sushmitha.b@antaressystems.com / praveshmani.t@antaressystems.com . For other terms and condition, please refer to IDBI Bank website www.idbi.com, and www.bankeauctionwizard.com.

STATUTORY 15 DAYS SALE NOTICE UNDER RULE 9(1) OF THE SARFAESI ACT, 2002

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SALE NOTICE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY - MEGA E-AUCTION - 22.08.2024

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 read with proviso to Sub Rule (6) of Rule (8) / Sub Rule (1) of Rule 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to public in general and in particular to Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the secured Creditor, the **Constructive Possession** of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer [details mentioned below], will be sold on **"As is Where is", "As is What is" and "Whatever there is"** on **22.08.2024** at the below mentioned timings for recovery of due with further interest and cost thereon due to the **Karnataka Bank Ltd. Bangalore, Hunsemaranahalli Branch**

The details are as under: Reserve Price and Earnest Money Deposit detail is as under and the Earnest Money Deposit shall be deposited on or before **21.08.2024, 4.00 pm** through online payment to the Account No. details of which are given below or by way of DD favouring **Karnataka Bank Ltd., A/c Mr. Vijaya Kumar C, Payable at Bengaluru**

Name and Address of Borrowers/Mortgagors/Guarantors	Loan Account No. & Balance O/S [Rs.] + Future Interests From + Costs	Possession Date and Possession Type	Description of Property	Reserve Price [Rs.]	Earnest Money Deposit [EMD] [Rs.]	Auction Time	Incremental Value of the Bid	Branch Name and Account / IFSC Detail for Remitting EMD
(1) Vijaya Kumar C, S/o Mr. Chandrashekar, Managing Director, M/s ASB Developers & Promoters, **Address at:-** 156, ASB Plaza, Magadi Road, Sunkadakatte, Bengaluru-560091, **(2) Mr. Bhagiratha S, S/o Mr. Sadashivaiah, Chairman, M/s ASB Developers & Promoters,** **Address at:-** 156, ASB Plaza, Magadi Main Road, Sunkadakatte, Bengaluru-560091 **Also at:-** No. 56, "CHANDANA" 11th Cross, 2nd A Main, Mallathahalli, M P Sports Club Road, Bengaluru-560056 and **(3) Mrs. Pankaja M S, W/o Mr. Chandrashekar,** **Addressed at:** No.195, Jnanaganganagar, Opp. PVP School, Mallathahalli, Bengaluru-56005	**Total Amout Rs.6,66,22,364.95 i.e.: TL A/c No. 3257001600058001 Rs. 2,71,50,289.22 + future interest from 30.06.2024 & TL A/c No. 3257001600064301 Rs.3,94,72,075.73 + future interest from 24.06.2024**	**16.04.2024** **Constructive**	All that part and parcel of residential **property bearing No.1299,** admeasuring 3875 Sq.ft. or 360 Sq.mtr., (East to West 24 mtrs and North to South 15 mtrs) and residential building constructed thereon consists Stilt+FF+SF+TF measuring total BUA 13200sq.ft situated at the layout formed by the BDA at 8th Block, further extension of Sir M Vishveshwaraiah Layout, Kuvempu Main Road, Near Gidada Konenahalli, Bangalore-560091, **belonging to Mr. Vijaya Kumar C.** **Boundaries of property: East by:** Road; **West by:** Site No. 1320; **North by:** Site no. 1300; **South by:** Site No. 1298.	**Rs. 7,02,75,000.00**	**Rs. 70,27,500.00**	**22.08.2024 from 10.50 AM to 11.10 AM**	**Rs. 1,00,000/-**	**Karnataka Bank Ltd Branch : Hunsemaranahalli Branch A/c No. 3253500200004101 IFSC Code - KARB0000325**

(The borrower's/mortgagor's attention is invited to the provisions of Sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured asset).

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EDITORIAL

The future belongs to nations with grains and not guns — M S Swaminathan

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— Ramnath Goenka

ARREST LANDSLIDES WITH SCIENTIFIC METHODS TO BUILD INFRASTRUCTURE

A massive landslide on Tuesday morning near Ankola in Karnataka's Uttara Kannada district has buried at least 12 people, of which six are confirmed dead. The slide deposited a heavy gasoline tanker and its crew into the adjoining Gangavalli River and swallowed a part of NH-66, a coastal thoroughfare used for industry and tourism. This was only the latest such event in a series across the country. Earlier this month, the Char Dham pilgrimage was stopped when incessant rainfall triggered large landslides in Uttarakhand and Himachal Pradesh. Not long before, access to seven Arunachal districts was cut off by landslides and rockfalls.

The tragedies are a wake-up call for road engineers across India. They are known to compromise on conducting appropriate tests before taking up road projects in hilly areas. Experts have cautioned against engineers conducting only soil tests, but not soil chemistry studies, before such projects. This leaves them blind to the impact of the angles at which hills are cut into to make way for, expand or maintain roads. Soil in hilly regions contains large subsurface rocks that tend to put pressure on lower-layered soil; during heavy rains, when water presses the rocks outwards on the slopes, landslides occur. The more vertical the cuts, the higher the chance of slides. It's more so when deforestation loosens the soil, providing a ready recipe for disasters. According to the Geological Survey, 4,20,000 sq km across India, or about 12.6 percent of the total area across 15 states and four Union territories, are prone to landslides. At least 3,710 people have perished and hundreds of villages destroyed in landslides between 2010 and 2021.

When such events cause death and destruction, there is a tendency to blame nature, not the persisting human follies and official apathy. They are a huge threat not just to lives and habitations, but also to ecosystems. Intensive urbanisation and infrastructure development in hilly areas; deforestation loosening the subsurface soil; shifting cultivation involving burning forests; and mining activities that remove vegetation and gravel are the main causes. All these directly involve human activity. Serious contemplation is needed on balancing infrastructure requirements and safeguarding ecosystems, as well as protecting regional biodiversity. Ensuring growth today at the cost of destroying the ecosystems our future generations need would be suicidal. It's time to act now, rather than repent later.

DEBT RELIEF COMMISSION A NECESSITY ACROSS INDIA

TRUE to its word, the Congress government in Telangana has begun waiving crop loans, with over 11 lakh farmers getting relief of up to ₹1 lakh on Thursday. Loans of up to ₹2 lakh will be waived in two more phases by independence day. It is a bold move by Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy to waive loans in such a short span, unlike the previous BRS government that did it in phases between 2014 and 2023.

If the then BRS government shelled out close to ₹29,000 crore, the exercise now requires ₹31,000 crore. Before going into the need for frequent crop loan waivers, let us look at the criterion set by the government. It is good that it has excluded taxpayers, All India Service officers, government employees, present and former ministers and other such relatively well-off categories—unlike the BRS, which had declared a waiver for one and all. The purpose of big-ticket loan waivers is to rescue distressed farmers and, logically, the beneficiary must be identified. In that sense, the government guidelines are sensible, notwithstanding barbs from the opposition. There is also a mechanism to address grievances.

However, one needs to ask a pertinent question at this juncture. Why do farmers in the state need a loan waiver despite producing more than before in the last decade and receiving loan waivers twice in that period? The phenomenon is not limited to Telangana. Many states have announced crop loan waivers in the last 15 years costing lakhs of crores of rupees. For Telangana, the prominent reasons are meagre compensation for crop losses that mainly affect marginal farmers and their continuing failure in getting healthy prices, not to speak of the high interest on loans from non-institutional sources.

It is time we found a permanent solution to the crisis in our agriculture sector. Without getting carried away by growth rates, we must look at engaging farmers in crop selection and urgently institute a debt relief commission like Kerala did. It is a tragedy that such an idea was entertained in pre-independent India and we are today looking at short-term solutions. It would not only help farmers but also the state government, as crop loan waivers account for a huge chunk of funds that could otherwise be spent on upgrading our rural infrastructure.

QUICK TAKE

REACH OUT TO COVID ORPHANS

THE government has rejected more than half the applications received under a scheme to support Covid orphans. The PM CARES for Children scheme aimed to support minors who had lost their parents or guardians to the pandemic till May 5, 2023. Of the 9,331 applications received, only 4,532 have been approved. The numbers hardly reflect the reality. Per official data, more than 5.3 lakh Indians died of Covid till 2023 end; the number of orphans is likely to be much higher than those who could apply for support. The scheme was essential and well-meant. But we might need to make an extra effort to help the affected children.

Food inflation is refusing to climb down despite the government's efforts. So we must ask whether we really have surplus production of grains, pulses and sugar

THE PARADOX OF HIGH FOOD PRICES AMID SURPLUSES

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SOURAV ROY

SHIVRAJ Singh Chouhan has taken charge at New Delhi's Krishi Bhawan as the Union agriculture minister. A political heavyweight in his own right, Chouhan's long tenure in Madhya Pradesh saw the agriculture sector performing well. But now, a wider variety of concerns is on his table.

To make headway on them, I would first urge him to make a realistic assessment of crop production issued by his ministry from time to time. We face a peculiar situation where production estimates are reaching record levels, yet food prices are skyrocketing. If the production is indeed touching record figures, prices should logically start retracting. However, reality is going the other way.

The government claimed record wheat production last year, but had to impose stock limits on the grain on June 13, 2023. This year, too, government estimates set another record for wheat production at 112.9 million tonnes, but the same restriction had to be imposed sometime back. Is this a paradox of sorts?

It's not just about wheat—the oddness is true for most agricultural products. This explains our desperation for a good monsoon, which has been erratic this year with a lower-than-expected start followed by a deluge in parts. Climate change is exposing our problem and we need to accept that the days of assured surpluses may be over.

Meanwhile, severe heat waves are delaying the sowing of kharif crops. It is also affected by insufficient water levels in reservoirs in the early part of the season.

In the 2023-24 estimates of GDP, growth in gross value added (GVA) of the agriculture sector was 1.4 percent, while the GVA of the entire economy was 7.2 percent. But in the first advance estimates, the GVA of agriculture was 0.7 percent. Some experts consider the latest estimates inflated.

Despite the efforts of the government, food inflation in May 2024 was 8.7 percent. Foodgrain inflation in the month reached 10.4 percent, while the next crop will take at least three months to arrive in the *mandis*.

So, are we really in surplus in terms of major agricultural produce, or are we in deficit? To understand this, we need to look at some examples. For the current year, the government has allocated 590 lakh tonnes of foodgrains for the National Food Security Act and other schemes. Of this, wheat accounts for 184.1 lakh tonnes and rice 419 lakh tonnes. Keeping the quantity of wheat low clearly means there is a deficit.

As per the third advance estimates, wheat production is 112.9 million tonnes, which is a record. But in the current rabi marketing season , the government procured 266 lakh tonnes of the grain, slightly higher than last year's 262 lakh tonnes. At the same time, wheat prices are hovering around ₹2,600 per quintal, against the minimum support price (MSP) for the current year of ₹2,275. Wheat export is also banned. The central pool had 299.5 lakh tonnes as of June 1, 2024, compared to 313.8 lakh tonnes on the same day last year. On April 1 this year, the wheat stock in the central pool was at 75.02 lakh tonnes, marginally higher than the buffer norm of 74.6 lakh tonnes, but the lowest level in 16 years.

Last year, the government imposed stock limits on wheat on June 13, amid estimates of record production. Despite the claim, a stock limit was imposed on June 24 this year too. The government seemingly does not want to accept that this year crops have been damaged in Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Gujarat, and Rajasthan, and there has been a production drop.

Another example is gram. The government initially estimated its production for rabi 2023-24 season at 121 lakh tonnes, which was later revised to 115.76 lakh tonnes in June, whereas the market estimate was around 105 lakh tonnes. The government tried to buy gram for the buffer stock through the National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Ltd and the National Cooperative Consumers Federation of India, but due to higher prices, the agencies procured only 45 thousand tonnes. Last year, the government had 37 lakh tonnes of gram in the buffer stock, but to control the prices, the government sold most of it and now has only about 4 lakh tonnes. In such a situation, gram imports from Australia have increased and will continue until the next crop comes in March 2025. This is the situation when the government does not count the steps being taken to achieve self-sufficiency in pulses.

Sugar production is 9.65 lakh tonnes less than last year because sugarcane production fell. Sugar exports are also banned. According to government estimates, rice production has been 9.5 lakh tonnes higher in 2023-24 at 136.7 million tonnes.

Due to an increase in rice prices, the government has been controlling its export for a year. On July 20, 2023, the government banned white rice exports and imposed a 20 percent export duty on Sela rice on August 25 last year. A minimum export price (MEP) of $1,200 per tonne was imposed on Basmati exports, which was later reduced to $850. In 2022-23, with exports of more than 200 lakh tonnes, India captured 40 percent share of the global rice trade.

Controlling the domestic market to keep prices low also has dual political disadvantages. As happened in Maharashtra—first, onion exports were banned, and later an MEP and 40 percent export duty were allowed. Despite this, the BJP and its allies lost a number of Lok Sabha seats in the state. Onion prices are now rising and may continue this way until the upcoming assembly elections. The next onion crop will come only in October.

The production of major pulses has gone down, with prices increasing by up to 30 percent. The era of low prices of edible oils has also ended. Despite a 45 percent rise in imports in May 2024, prices have risen by more than 6 percent. Meanwhile, mustard farmers had to sell their crop at prices lower than the MSP of ₹5,650 per quintal at the time of crop arrival.

Monsoon remains crucial for Indian agriculture. But it is exposing the weaknesses of the government's agricultural policies and a lack of decision-making regarding the sector. According to the latest NSSO survey, the per capita foodgrain consumption is declining in the country. Actual production does not match the estimates. The wait for new technology and major policy decisions is only getting longer.

In such a scenario, another erratic monsoon will not only harm the rural economy like last year, but will also aggravate the government's struggle to control food inflation. Rural demand has not yet come back on track, and there might be further delay in its revival. That does not bode well for the whole economy.

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WHEN FIERCE FANS HAVE TO COPE WITH FAVOURITES' FALLIBILITY

KAJAL BASU

Veteran journalist

WHEN the Canadian Alice Munro, one of the world's leading short-story writers and the winner of the 2013 Nobel Prize in Literature, died in June 2024, no one expected her illustrious life to be damned by a posthumous scandal. Her daughter, Andrea Robin Skinner, claiming that Munro had poohpoohed her revelations of sexual abuse by her stepfather, Gerald Fremlin, standing by him even as he was convicted.

Skinner wrote in an essay titled, '*My stepfather sexually abused me when I was a child. My mother, Alice Munro, chose to stay with him*', "She said that she had been 'told too late,' ... she loved him too much, and that our misogynistic culture was to blame if I expected her to deny her own needs, sacrifice for her children and make up for the failings of men, She was adamant that whatever had happened was between me and my stepfather. It had nothing to do with her."

Munro's stories, set mostly in small-town Ontario, are full of what the British Council called "the stirring of the creative impulse, the bohemian rejection of provincial anonymity and conservatism, the refusal to be bound by narrow definitions of womanhood, and the complexity of female sexuality". That her real life was antagonistic to her celebrated oeuvre "focused on women at different stages of their lives coping with complex desires", as the *NYT* wrote in her obituary, is what has sent the literary world reeling.

Margaret Atwood called it "a bombshell" and said she was "shocked". Joyce Carol Oates, five-time finalist for the Pulitzer Prize for Fiction, posted, "If you have read Munro's fiction over the years, you will see how often terrible men are valorised, forgiven, enabled; there seems to be a sense of resignation." Joyce Maynard posted that Skinner's words "carry the unmistakable ring of truth," but added, "I will not cease to admire—and study—the work of Alice Munro... There is art. And then there is the artist."

Munro aficionados woke up to a feeling of having been duped. And, never far behind the juggernaut of deconstruction, the cancel culture, fattened on its own toxicity, exploded across the litverse.

But, oddly enough, most people across the world fulminating against Munro won't have read Skinner's essay: it is behind a paywall. Ergo, one of the most dismayingly significant literary events in recent times is being mediated by a media monopoly. People know of Skinner's distress only via other sites. Fortunately for us, an earlier, abridged divulgation, '*Andrea: To Heal Is Truth & Peace*', is available on *The Gatehouse* website.

The perplexity among the readers is as real as the culture sirening them to cancel Munro's breathtaking corpus of 162 short stories. Many will, many will not.

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> Nobel laureate Alice Munro's daughter Andrea Robin Skinner's revelation of her mother ignoring her stepfather's sexual abuse has opened a literary can of worms. Back under the scanner are other reputable writers such as Marion Zimmer Bradley, Piers Anthony, Neil Gaiman and China Miéville

For a vast number of readers, Munro will be difficult to give up—her stories being relatable, flowing and layered. She is a rite of perpetual passage.

The negation has taken over the literature-driven sections of social media. It has revived regard-worsting memories of another icon, science fiction and fantasy writer Marion Zimmer Bradley, the feminist who was accused in June 2014 by her daughter Moira Greyland of incestuous paedophilia. Bradley had been dead since 1999, but the communitarian despair was unmediated by time. The sales of her books thinned, until a promise by the publisher of her digital backlist to donate all the income from her ebooks to the charity Save the Children stanched the bleed.

The genre exploded with readers' nullifications and authorial repudiations. In July 2020, author Alexandra Rowland accused married writers Scott Lynch and Elizabeth Bear of abusing her—claims they staunchly denied. But the damage was done.

Critics have targeted Piers Anthony for misogyny and underage sexualisation in his works. (He does sometimes detail paedophilia in excruciating detail. Placing them in a fantasy paradigm does not grant them acceptability. For that way lies moral dodges.) This guilefulness clearly has its readers. Many of his books have appeared on the *NYT* bestsellers list. Anthony responded to the criticism by claiming, in 2002, that while it has "been a number of years since I tried counting the ratio of fan letters I received, but when I did it ranged from something like 60-40 to 80-20 in favour of female, and I believe I still get more fe-mail than male-mail". It's all a bit hair-raising, this wilful blindness to and defence of misogyny in sword-and-sorcery myth-building.

The Munro disclosures have not only wrenched the focus back on older transgressors—such as Lewis Carroll and J M Barrie, and J P Lovecraft and Roald Dahl, the latter two clear-as-day social reprobates—but also presumed unimpeachable writers such as *Sandman* legend Neil Gaiman, lately accused of non-consensual "rough and degrading sex" by two women (whose roughness Gaiman does not dispute, but has defended as consensual); and the lionised China Miéville, accused in 2013 by an ex-girlfriend of extreme emotional abuse, which he explained as the result of an "open relationship with my partner, of which I made [the complainant] fully aware".

How possible or advisable is it to cancel these legends of literature for harrowingly human ferity? I have no answers. The cards have two faces. And I wager the jury will tear itself apart and never make it back to court.

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Aggressive politics

Ref: *Edge of democracy: Between dividends and divisiveness* (Jul 17). Political parties today adopt aggressive approaches for power. Instead of dwelling on their own agenda, they adopt slanging matches, slugfests, vilification and character assassination. Their political discourses are just incendiary speeches. It was not so in the old days.
K Jayanthi, Chennai

Tourism potential

Ref: *TN faces tough choices to raise welfare funds* (Jul 17). It is true that there is a financial crunch in Tamil Nadu due to various social welfare measures. The state government is taking steps to attract global investments for sectors like IT. If the tourism potential of TN is fully tapped, there won't be any dearth of money for welfare measures.
G Nataraja Perumal, Belagavi

EV limitations

Ref: *UP policy to bring hybrids, EVs on par should be emulated* (Jul 17). Promoting hybrid vehicles presents a realistic and environmentally sustainable strategy, given the limitations of a policy focused on the sole promotion of EVs, such as inadequate charging apparatus, high purchasing price and the impending stagnation of the world EV market. The policy should indeed be emulated by other states.
Lavanya Karki, Bengaluru

CNG discounts

It is high time the Centre and states realise the negative impacts of 28 percent GST besides state road tax for registration of vehicles. States like West Bengal and Delhi completely exempted CNG vehicles from registration and road tax. All other states should take similar measures.
Ramamoorthi Palaniyappan, email

Water sharing

Now that the rain gods have shown mercy in the Cauvery catchment area, there is a good amount of water available in the reservoirs. Now is the time for all stakeholders, especially Karnataka and Tamil Nadu, to sit together and resolve the water sharing issue. Else, the Supreme Court will be forced to keep intervening every now and then.
Jaikishan N, Kengeri

Nation's pride

Ref: *Capt followed the call of duty, says proud dad* (Jul 17). The statement of the martyred Capt Brijesh Thapa's father, a retired colonel himself, that he is proud of his son for laying down his life for the country is heart-touching indeed. The country owes much to the parents, who lost their only son in the sacred duty of safeguarding the nation from terrorists.
N A Joseph, Ettumanoor

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Ashok Gehlot @ashokgehlot51
The increase in the number of terrorist attacks in Jammu and Kashmir and the killing of our brave soldiers and innocent civilians is extremely sad.

PM, Shah discuss BJP's UP potboiler

Contrary to speculation of changes, BJP is not considering any surprises for Yogi government

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR & NAMITA BAJPAI @ New Delhi/Lucknow

UP Deputy CM Keshav Prasad Maurya arrives to meet BJP national president JP Nadda at party headquarters in New Delhi on Tuesday | PTI

AMID rumblings within the UP BJP, party's principal strategist and Union home minister Amit Shah had a long meeting with Prime Minister Modi on Wednesday at the latter's residence. This preceded UP BJP chief Bhupendra Chaudhary calling on the PM and reportedly taking responsibility for the party's poor performance in the Lok Sabha polls.

Party sources hinted that PM-Shah meeting covered the emerging situation in the UP unit, particularly in the wake of the recent LS poll results. "They would have discussed PM's scheduled meetings with party CMs and their deputies later this week," said a source.

"A discussion on Modi's meeting with party workers and Delhi party staffers on Thursday at the BJP headquarters could also have figured in the PM-Shah meeting," he said.

Sources said the central leadership has delivered a strong message to all state units to avoid statements and posts that may spark controversy or show differences within the party.

Amit Shah is learnt to have briefed the PM on the party affairs in UP and what transpired at the meeting between deputy CM Keshav Maurya and party chief JP Nadda on Tuesday.

There is the least chance of a change of guard in UP but some organisational changes seem to be in the offing, not only in UP, but in many states.

Maurya's differences with UP CM Yogi Adityanath are being projected as a challenge for the party. Maurya had earlier said that the party is always bigger than the government and that no one could be bigger than the organisation.

The unfolding events in Lucknow hinted that contrary to the speculation about "major leadership changes" both in the state government and the party, the BJP is not considering "any surprises" for the Yogi Adityanath government.

Political circles have been abuzz with an ongoing Yogi-Maurya tussle, which has been existent since 2017 when, despite having won the Assembly polls with a big majority under the stewardship of Maurya as the state BJP chief, Yogi Adityanath was chosen to helm the state much to his chagrin.

In the current situation, Maurya batted for the 'organisation first' at the party's state executive meeting in Lucknow on Sunday. He is believed to have flagged his reservations about Yogi's style of governance with the central leadership. However, he and state unit chief Bhupendra Chaudhury have been told to work to create synergy between the state and the party organisation. Both the leaders are believed to have got the message from the party president in no uncertain terms that they would have to work in tandem. They were also reportedly told not to allow social media space to sprout rumours that would provide ammunition to the Opposition.

The BJP, it is learnt, is keen on having an OBC leader as its state chief to bounce back from the LS poll debacle, which saw the party tally dipping to 33 seats from 62 in 2019. The focus will be on state polls, which are just three years away in 2027.

The incumbent UP BJP chief comes from the Jat community. He was appointed in 2022 to quell the resentment within the community against the BJP owing to the three scrapped farm laws.

However, now the party leadership is looking at replacing Chaudhury with an OBC leader as the state unit, in its attempt to woo the community that somewhat drifted away from it in 2024 Lok Sabha election. Significantly, OBCs account for more than 42 per cent of the state's population.

After a resounding victory in the last two state assembly polls in 2017 and 2022, the BJP will be determined for a hattrick. That is why speculation is rife about changes in the party organisation.

Terrorists behind Jammu attacks militarily trained

MUKESH RANJAN @ New Delhi

NEW INFILTRATION TRAILS

- Militants took precise and targeted shots aimed at the vulnerable facial area of the troops from 300-500 metres, as head and chest are covered with protective gears
- As per Intelligence sources, terrorists hiding in Jammu forests are likely foreigners with training in military tactics and skilled in handling sniper guns
- They suspect the possibility of a few of the militants being former Pakistan Army soldiers
- Terrorists are taking new routes, especially through 13 small drains and three rivers across the Nowshera Nar, Govind Nala, Paribal Forest, Pen and Kumkari Gali regions

AMID a spate of killings of troops in the Jammu region, intelligence agencies have found an astute pattern in the shots fired by terrorists, indicating they are "militarily trained".

Three jawans and a captain were killed on Tuesday during a gunfight with terrorists in Doda. Eleven security forces personnel died in terror attacks in Jammu so far this year.

Sources in the intelligence agencies said the casualties of personnel of the Indian forces in recent times in Jammu took place during search operations and ensuing encounters and they became victims of gun shots despite being equipped with state-of-the-art bullet-proof jackets and helmets.

Sources said the troops suffered casualties due to "precise and targeted shots" aimed at "the vulnerable facial area" from a distance of 300-500 metres, as the delicate body parts such as head and chest are covered with protective gears.

Since the terrorists have found new areas to infiltrate into the Jammu region along the International Border and Line of Control, they are now entrenched in the dense forest areas finding places in the hills to hide, the sources said.

"All such terrorists hiding in Jammu forest areas are foreign nationals with training in military tactics and skills to handle and fire from sniper guns. The possibility of a few of them being former Pakistan army soldiers cannot be ruled out," an intelligence officer said.

"There are 13 small drains and 3 rivers in Jammu region. Terrorists are using these routes for infiltration, though security forces remain alert in these areas," said an officer, adding that the new routes include Nowshera Nar, Govind Nala, Paribal Forest, Pen and Kumkari Gali. Intelligence inputs suggest there are four terrorist launch pads across the IB in Jammu and these are used by Jaish-e-Mohammad terrorists.

J&K police chief's comments personal opinion: ADGP

After politicians hit out at J&K police chief RR Swain over his remarks that mainstream parties have started cultivating leaders of terror networks to further electoral prospects, ADGP (Law & Order) Vijay Kumar on Monday said J&K police is an apolitical force and the DGP's remarks must be his personal opinion.

Sowing of kharif crops this year delayed in the face of deficient rainfall

JITENDRA CHOUBEY @ New Delhi

INDIA has received normal rain in the monsoon season so far, says the India Meteorological Department (IMD), but the kharif sowing acreage reflects otherwise.

As per IMD data, the sowing of kharif crops, including paddy and pulses, was delayed compared to normal monsoon years 2022 and 2021 (2023 was a monsoon deficient year).

Around July 15 this year, the total kharif sowing was around 575.13 lakh hectare (LHa) — over 10% increase compared to previous year, which was monsoon deficient. However, when compared to the normal monsoon years 2022 and 2021, the sowing is less by around 3%.

The current kharif crops sowing trend indicates there has been a sharp rise in sowing acreage compared to previous year, which was El Nino year. Evidently, the country had witnessed around 6% deficit southwest monsoon in 2023.

El Nino is a climate pattern that describes the unusual warming of surface waters in the eastern Pacific Ocean, synonymous with weakening of the southwest monsoon.

The current paddy sowing acreage reduced by over 11% compared to normal monsoon year 2022 and reduced around 25% when compared to 2021.

According to the IMD, the key rice-producing states like Punjab, Odisha, Chhattisgarh, Haryana and Gangetic West Bengal have received deficit rainfall.

Further, the current pulses sowing acreage reduced by over 9% when compared to normal monsoon year 2022 and reduced around 6% against the 2021 data. Among pulses, tur daal acreage reduced in comparison to 2021 along with the urad and moong dal acreage. Besides, non-food kharif crops like cotton have mildly reduced compared to previous two years.

NAAC introduces major reforms in higher education accreditation

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

NAAC to hold workshops on 'binary accreditation'

In the coming months, NAAC will conduct five regional workshops to gather feedback from universities and colleges on the binary accreditation manual before its official launch. NAAC also plans to engage with higher education departments and councils in states to ensure widespread participation in the new accreditation process.

THE higher education quality, a key aspect of National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, will undergo significant improvements with reforms from the Dr Radhakrishnan Committee. Approved by the Ministry of Education and adopted by NAAC, the plan includes Binary Accreditation and Maturity-Based Graded Levels to enhance educational standards.

To implement these changes, the Apex Committee and various Discipline-wise Committees conducted approximately 40 meetings, consulting stakeholders to finalise the necessary manuals and processes for Binary Accreditation.

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The proposed framework aims to reduce cycle time, lower accreditation fees, and eliminate the need for physical peer team visits. Data validation, primarily quantitative, will be conducted by the institutions to ensure objectivity and correctness in assessments. The framework includes 59 metrics for universities, 56 for autonomous colleges, and 46 for affiliated colleges. NAAC has also developed discipline-specific manuals for fields such as law, health sciences, and management to meet their specific requirements.

During the inaugural workshop, Dr Nirmaljeet Singh Kalsi, Former Chairperson of the National Council for Vocational Education and Training, underscored the importance of integrating skill development into the accreditation framework. He also highlighted the relevance of the National Curriculum Framework to skill development.

Professor Kalsi emphasized the necessity for changing NAAC parameters stemming from NEP 2020, particularly in integrating the national curriculum framework and skill development. He introduced major approaches for incorporating skills into disciplines like humanities and social sciences and also proposed Education 5.0, which focuses on online and blended learning, further stressing the need to integrate innovations into the accreditation framework.

The Binary Accreditation Framework (BAF), presented at the workshop, is derived from the 10 Attributes proposed by the Dr Radhakrishnan Committee. These attributes are classified based on input, process, and outcome dimensions essential for achieving quality assurance in higher education.

The framework shifts focus to 'outcome and its impact' on the contribution of higher education to the nation's socio-economic development. It is designed to accommodate the requirements of universities, autonomous, and affiliated colleges, and captures the uniqueness of institutions impacting specific stakeholder groups.

Dr Devendra Kawday, Adviser, NAAC, detailed each metric, explaining the rationale for new metrics essential for the quality of higher education in the current context. The first of the five regional workshops was organised in partnership with IISc Bengaluru on July 16.

CJI-led bench to hear pleas seeking cancellation of NEET-UG exam today

SUCHITRA KALYAN MOHANTY @ New Delhi

ALSO IN TOP COURT

Compensation for HIV+ IAF veteran

An IAF man, who contracted AIDS during transfusion of blood at a military hospital in J&K's Samba in 2002, has got ₹18 lakh and the residual amount of over ₹1.41 crore awarded to him as compensation has been deposited with the apex court registry, the IAF has informed the top court.

THE Supreme Court is scheduled to hear a batch of petitions on Thursday seeking the cancellation of the NEET-UG 2024 exam, which has been mired in controversies of irregularities, question paper leaks, and other issues.

A three-judge bench of the top court, led by Chief Justice of India (CJI) D.Y. Chandrachud, along with Justices J.B. Pardiwala and Manoj Misra, will hear the pleas. The petitions of Sabareesh Rajan, Rosen Sunder, Vanshika Yadav, and others will be considered.

One of the petitioners, Rajan, who took the medical entrance exam, filed a plea alleging that his OMR sheet was swapped. Rajan moved the apex court seeking judicial intervention into the alleged paper leak, awarding of grace marks for time loss, and other irregularities that occurred during the conduct of the NEET-UG Examination. Similarly, Sunder and Yadav sought comparable directions from the top court.

More than 50 petitions, including those from students and various educational institutions, have been filed in the case. A group of 20 students who appeared for the medical entrance exam have sought a direction from the Supreme Court for the scrapping of the NEET-UG exam and an SC-monitored probe by the CBI or another independent agency into the alleged irregularities in the test held on May 5.

The NEET-UG examination is the process for getting admitted into MBBS, BDS, AYUSH, and other related courses in government and private institutions across the country.

Indian canines on Paris Olympics duty

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

CRPF's canines Vast and Denby, along with three handlers, in Paris on Wednesday | X

Belgian Malinois

The Belgian Malinois are the most preferred combat dogs by security forces. They shot to fame after news broke on them assisting US special forces in locating Osama Bin Laden's hideout in Pak. The CRPF sent two canines trained in its dog school in Taralu near Bengaluru

IN a first-of-its-kind cooperation with France, 10 specially-trained commandos of the Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs) along with a sniffer dog squad are in France to provide security cover to various venues of the Paris Olympics that will begin on July 26.

Following a request from France, the government deputed 10 Indian K9 (canine) teams that will undertake sniffing and patrolling at various venues of the Paris Olympics.

The entire squad was given a special 10-week training before leaving for Paris, officials said. K9 teams along with their handlers have been drawn from the CAPFs like the Central Reserve Police Force, the Sashastra Seema Bal, the Indo-Tibetan Border Police, the Assam Rifles and the National Security Guard.

The K9s are from the sturdy Belgian Malinois breed, which undertakes infantry patrol and anti-sabotage sniffer tasks to detect bombs, improvised explosive devices and trouble makers in Naxal-affected areas, the Northeast and Jammu & Kashmir.

The handlers of the canines have undertaken refresher physical training apart from a special capsule of basics of the French language for this assignment.

'Nanhe Farishtey': Over 84K children rescued from trains, stations in 7 yrs

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @ New Delhi

THE Railway Protection Force (RPF) has rescued a staggering 84,119 children over the past seven years through their initiative 'Nanhe Farishtey', the Railways said on Wednesday.

Aimed at safeguarding vulnerable children found at railway stations and on trains, the operation has been instrumental in preventing them from falling into the wrong hands.

Since its inception in May 2018, 'Operation Nanhe Farishtey' has focused on rescuing children and providing them with necessary protection.

According to the data, the operation began in 2018 with the rescue of 17,112 children, including runaways, missing children, and those left behind, underscoring the urgent need for such initiatives.

While a total of 15,932 children were rescued in 2019, the RPF, braving challenges posed by the Covid-19 pandemic, saved 5,011 kids the next year.

A resurgence in operations in 2021 saw 11,907 children rescued, and 17,756 in 2022. According to the railway's official data, 11,794 children were rescued by the RPF in 2023. The figure stands at 4,607 to date.

The Railways said that the children, rescued by RPF, included runaways, missing, left behind, destitute, kidnapped, mentally challenged, and street children. To save children, it has implemented the Track Child Portal and established child help desks at over 135 railway stations. "Rescued children are entrusted to the District Child Welfare Committee, ensuring they receive proper care and are safely reunited with their families," said an official of the railway ministry.

Officials said the success of 'Operation Nanhe Farishtey' extends beyond numbers, raising awareness about the plight of vulnerable children and prompting collaborative efforts from stakeholders.

'India's vax plan better than listed countries'

KAVITA BAJELI-DATT @ New Delhi

THE latest WHO and UNICEF estimates of national immunisation coverage (WUENIC) data has said that India's antigen-wise coverage is better than that of the world average for all antigens for 2023, sources said.

Government sources said India's population, multiple times more than several nations, was ignored while comparing children's vaccination data with 19 other countries in the latest WHO and UNICEF estimates.

"Even though India has the second highest number of zero-dose children in the world, it accounts for 0.11% of the country's total population," Union health ministry sources said.

Sources were reacting to the WUENIC data released on Monday, which stated that India had the second-highest number of children, nearly 16 lakh, who did not receive any vaccine in 2023, just after Nigeria, which had 21 lakh zero-dose children. "The comparison is flawed as the base population has not been taken into consideration," said a source.

The WUENIC data showed that India's rank improved from 2021 when the country had recorded the highest number of zero-dose children globally at 27.3 lakh.

Zero-dose children are defined as those who lack access to or are never reached by routine immunisation services. While Pakistan is in 10th position, China is in the 18th.

India ranked number 1 out of 8 countries with 1,592,000 zero-dose children. It is 45 per cent higher than 1.1 million such children in 2022. Childhood vaccination coverage globally stalled in 2023, leaving an estimated 2.7 million children more un- and under-vaccinated than pre-pandemic levels in 2019, said a joint global immunisation report released by WHO and UNICEF.

According to officials, India's immunisation programme strengthened its focus on areas with low coverage through intensified microplanning compared to 2022. "The zero-dose implementation plan was initiated in those districts of the country with the highest burden of unimmunised or partially immunised children."

ARMS SEIZED
The Patna Police on Wednesday arrested a city resident from whose house live ammunition, chemicals used in explosives and protective gear resembling the ones worn by those in the army were seized.

5 MEMBERS OF GANG HELD IN ENCOUNTER IN UP

INDIA	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	32	27	Mumbai	28	26
Bhopal	32	23	Panaji	27	26
Jaipur	35	28	Patna	36	31
Amritsar	38	29	Lucknow	35	29
Chennai	33	28	Port Blair	28	27
Kolkata	33	28	Imphal	32	24
Srinagar	33	21	Chandigarh	34	28

Bihar BJP chief joins Nitish to seek special eco package

RAMASHANKAR @Patna

BIHAR deputy chief minister Samrat Choudhary on Wednesday reiterated his demand from Prime Minister Narendra Modi to consider long-standing demand of political parties of the state for special financial package to accelerate state's growth.

Talking to media persons, Choudhary, who called on union finance minister Sitharaman in New Delhi ahead of union budge for 2024-25 FY, said that only special financial package from the centre would boost the all-round development of Bihar. "We have repeatedly been urging Prime Minister Narendra Modi to ensure more and more financial aides to Bihar for its development. We hope some provisions will be made in the union budget during the budget session of the Parliament," he told the media.

The nomination of three ministers from Bihar as members of NITI AAYOG- Jitan Ram Manjhi, Rajiv Ranjan Singh alias Lalan Singh and Chirag Paswan—has given rise to speculation of repeated demand for special category status to Bihar. However, both union ministers—Manjhi and Chirag—clarified that the centre has already made its stand clear on the demand for special category status. "But being a part of the NDA government, we will assert for special package to be given to Bihar," Paswan said.

Paswan said that a special package should be demanded that can be used immediately for public works. "The demand for special category status to Bihar is long-standing. Those who politicise the issue should read the provisions of NITI AAYOG," he said.

Union minister and HAM patron Jitan Ram Manjhi also expressed similar views. He said, "One should be practical and focus on what we can get immediately."

'Ladla Bhau' scheme for Maha youth

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @Mumbai

OVER to the 'bhau' after 'behna.' The Eknath Shinde-led Mahayuti dispensation has given a family touch to the government largesse months before the state Assembly polls.

The Ladla Bhau Yojana stipulates that the unemployed 12th pass will get ₹6,000 stipend, diploma holders ₹8,000 and jobless graduates ₹10,000.

A few days ago, the government announced the Ladli Bahena Yojana where eligible poor women will get ₹1,500 monthly as financial help.

Chief Minister Eknath Shinde said these schemes were a part of welfare schemes aimed at various sections. "We started crop insurance for just one rupee, free electricity to farmers, three gas cylinders free for each poor household, and loan facilities to the unemployed youth to start a business and complete their education. Crop insurance companies disbursed ₹7,200 crore to farmers as part of compensations to their damaged crops," Shinde said. The CM said the alliance government has earmarked ₹25,000 crore for Ladli Behna Yojana which promises to serve over two crore eligible women.

State finance minister Ajit Pawar has already tabled ₹90,000 crore supplementary demands budget to meet the expenses for populist schemes.

Buzz of Ajit homecoming after 4 MLAs join Sharad

NCP(SP) chief says taking Ajit back will be decided by party leaders

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @Mumbai

NCP(SP) chief Sharad Pawar in Pune on Wednesday | PTI

IS Maharashtra deputy chief minister Ajit Pawar homebound? Power corridors in Maharashtra are abuzz with his returning to his uncle Sharad Pawar's NCP (SP). The surmises are based on senior Pawar's remark in Pune on Wednesday that taking Ajit back will be decided by his party leaders.

The senior Pawar told the media that his nephew could be back in the family and that his word as the family head would carry weight. "But whether he should be back in the party will be decided by party leaders," Sharad Pawar said.

"There is space and place for Ajit in the Pawar family. But the space for him within the party would not be decided by me. Our party workers will take the call. It won't be the individual decision," said Pawar.

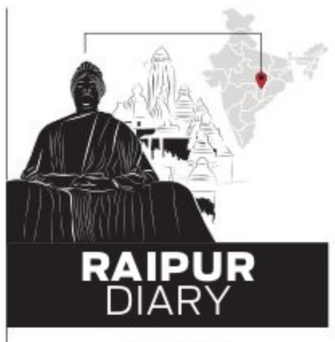
"There will be consultation within party leaders who firmly stood with me during the bad times," said senior Pawar.

Commenting on his meeting with NCP minister Chhagan Bhujbal at his Silver Oak residence in Pune, Sharad Pawar said he did not want to meet him, but he said "unless Bhujbal meets me, he will not leave from there, so I met him." "Bhujbal told me to let bygones be bygones. Politicians should take a stand that will bring two communities together not push them apart," Sharad Pawar said.

Earlier, NCP-SP's Lok Sabha MP Supriya Sule met Ajit Pawar's mother while his wife Sunetra, who was recently elected to the Rajya Sabha, met Sharad Pawar in Pune. Sources said the Pawar family believes that both uncle and nephew should come together for the larger interest of the family and Maharashtra.

Meanwhile, RSS mouthpiece Organiser in English and Hindu weekly and Marathi RSS mouthpiece Vivek magazine sought to blame Ajit Pawar for the BJP's debacle in Maharashtra in the Lok Sabha polls.

"The RSS is pressuring BJP to snap ties with Ajit Pawar. There is a feeling within RSS and BJP that the induction of Ajit Pawar into the BJP-led government damaged the prospects and image of the BJP," said a BJP source. "If BJP wants to return to the government, it will have to snap ties with Ajit Pawar. If RSS' push comes to a shove, then Ajit may return to his uncle," said the party source. NCP (SP) spokesperson Clyde Crasto said after the setback in the Lok Sabha polls, saffron outfit realises tie-up with Ajit-led party is going to hurt its prospects.



RAIPUR DIARY

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CM unveils vision for new industrial policy

Chhattisgarh, rich in resources and brimming with potential, is poised to attract industries that ensure value addition and create employment opportunities. With the recent launch of 'Single Window Portal 2.0' to expedite clearances and approvals, CM Vishnu Deo Sai engaged in discussions with the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) on the state's new Industrial Policy 2024-29. He underscored the vast potential in sectors such as food processing, downstream steel industries and IT. The policy formation panel is considering suggestions to outline contours of this transformative policy.

RMC tackles stray cattle menace with vigour

The Raipur Municipal Corporation (RMC) is taking decisive action to clear roads of stray cattle, supported by a helpline for sightings, cooperation from shopkeepers and citizens, and strict warnings to cattle owners. Daily reviews by Collector Gaurav Singh and RMC Commissioner Abinash Mishra assess the success of these measures. Commissioner Mishra's surprise CCTV monitoring through the hi-tech Integrated Traffic Management System reveals the ground reality, with cow catcher vehicles frequently seen collecting stray cattle.

Korba ventures into lithium mining

Korba, known for its abundant coal and water resources, is now set to pioneer lithium mining in the Katghora block. The first lithium auction in India, featuring the Katghora lithium and rare earth elements (REE) block, was won by Kolkata-based Maiki South Mining Pvt Ltd. The company emerged as the preferred bidder with an auction premium of 76.05%. Unlike the initial auction in Reasi, Kashmir, which did not attract sufficient interest, Katghora is now India's first lithium mining venture with a composite licence for testing and mining. The Geological Survey of India has confirmed an area of over 250 hectares in Gunchapur village.

ACB probe into assets of IAS officer's father

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Mumbai

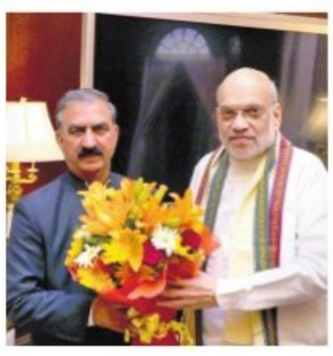
THE Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) of Pune Police has launched an investigation into allegations of corruption against Dilip Khedkar, the father of controversial trainee IAS officer Dr Pooja Khedkar, concerning his alleged possession of assets worth ₹ 40 crore disproportionate to his known income.

Dilip Khedkar, a retired class-I officer of the Maharashtra government, faces accusations of amassing wealth through illicit means. A social activist filed a complaint with the ACB, providing detailed information about Dilip Khedkar's properties, luxury vehicles, and gold holdings. It is alleged that Khedkar utilised several private firms to launder illegally obtained funds, converting black money into white.

Both Dilip Khedkar and his wife Manorama Khedkar, a sarpanch, are unreachable. Pune police have confirmed their inability to locate the Khedkar couple, particularly after a viral video surfaced showing the wife wielding a pistol and allegedly threatening farmers over land disputes.

Disaster management in HP: Sukhu meets Shah, seeks release of ₹9K cr

HARPREET BAJWA @Chandigarh



HIMACHAL Pradesh Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu on Wednesday called on Union Home Minister Amit Shah and requested release of the pending ₹9,042 crore financial assistance for disaster management in the state.

Last year, the state witnessed one of the worst natural disasters during monsoon, triggered by excessive rain resulting in flash floods and landslides.

Sukhu met Shah in the national capital and apprised him about the vulnerability of the state to natural disasters and urged for speedy release of the pending funds. He requested release of ₹9,042 crore as financial assistance under post disaster assessment carried out by a central team.

Emphasising that the matter was still pending with the ministry, the CM stated that the state was in urgent need of assistance as the monsoon had already set in. He also informed that ₹61.07 crore, under the State Disaster Response Fund for financial year 2019-20, was due to the state.

Sukhu apprised Shah that as per recommendation of 15th Finance Commission, Himachal was entitled to ₹200 crore for financial years 2021-26 for effective management of landslides and earthquakes in the hill states.

He also requested for a speedy release of pending ₹60.10 crore under the NDRF.

He sought an approval to a detailed project worth ₹125.84 crore submitted to the Union Ministry under National Disaster Mitigation Fund besides underlining the necessity of setting up of NDRF campuses in the state.

'Chandipura virus' spreads, claims 9 lives

DILIP SINGH KSHATRIYA @Ahmedabad

A one-year-old child from Mehsana died of suspected Chandipura virus infection at Ahmedabad civil hospital on Wednesday, taking the death toll from the suspected virus to nine in Gujarat in 15 days, health officials said.

"A sample of the baby's serum has been taken and sent to the National Institute of Virology in Pune," said Mehsana district epidemic health officer Dr Vinod Patel.

"So far, 14 suspected Chandipura virus infection cases have been reported in Gujarat. Of them, nine patients have died. All their samples were sent to the Pune-based NIV for confirmation," the health depart said in a bulletin.

On Tuesady, a child from Panchmahal and another from Aravalli district died due to the suspected virus. Their samples have also been sent to a laboratory in Pune for testing.

The suspected virus infection cases have been reported from Sabarkantha, Aravalli, Mahisagar, Kheda, Mehsana and Rajkot districts, health minister Rushikesh Patel said.

Suvendu wants to shut BJP minority wing, stop 'Sabka Sath Sabka Vikas'

SULAGANA SENGUPTA @Kolkata

WEST Bengal Leader of Opposition Suvendu Adhikari on Wednesday said the BJP's slogan 'Sabka Sath Sabka Vikas' should be replaced with 'Jo Hamare Saath, Hum Unke Saath' (Those who are with us, we are with them).

He made the observation while addressing a party meeting. Few minutes after making the statement, he said while the 'Sabka Sath Sabka Vikas' slogan emphasizes the importance of national unity, his remark was taken "out of context".

Adhikari expressed his alignment with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of "Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas, Sabka Prayas" and slammed West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee for what he termed "divisive politics".

In his X handle he posted, "My statement is being taken out of context. I am clear that those who are nationalists stand for this nation and Bengal, and we should be with them. Those who don't stand with us, work against the interest of the nation and Bengal, we need to expose them. Also, like Mamata Banerjee, we shouldn't divide people in majority and minority and see them as Indians. I embodyin letter and spirit, the Prime Minister's call for Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas, and Sabka Prayas."

Earlier in the day, the LoP urged his party to dissolve its Minority Morcha, saying that the time has come to replace the "development" slogan with 'Jo Hamare Saath, Hum Unke Saath". His statement created an uproar within the state BJP with party leader Shamik Bhattacharya claiming that the party does not endorse his views.

All MP schools told to hold 2-day Guru Purnima Utsav

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ALL government and private schools in Madhya Pradesh have been asked by the BJP State Government to organise a special two-day event to mark Guru Purnima on July 20 and 21. In the order released on Tuesday, the State Government directed all schools (government and private) to organise two-day Guru Purnima Utsav on July 20 and 21, in accordance with the directives issued by the CM at the cabinet meeting

On day one (July 20), after the prayers, the teachers will throw light on the importance of Guru Purnima. Students will write essays on gurukul education.

On day two (July 21), special Saraswati Vandana, Guru Vandana and lighting of the sacred lamp will happen.

The Congress opposed the move, saying it was against the spirit of secularism, which is integral to the Constitution.

President declines assent to bill on axing guv as Punjab chancellor

HARPREET BAJWA @Chandigarh

A bill that sought to replace the Punjab governor with the chief minister as the chancellor of state-run universities was recently sent back by President Droupadi Murmu without giving her assent, official sources said on Wednesday.

In 2022, the West Bengal assembly had passed a similar bill at the height of the confrontation between the then governor Jagdeep Dhankhar and Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee.

Sources said the Punjab Universities Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2023 was sent back last week to Governor Banwarilal Purohit.

The status of two other legislations, Sikh Gurdwaras (Amendment) Bill, 2023, and Punjab Police (Amendment) Bill, 2023 sent along with the universities bill to the President is unclear.

In all, four bills, including the one on universities, had been passed by the Punjab Assembly in a two-day session in June last year. It led to a major confrontation with the governor calling the session "patently illegal".

The Supreme Court, however, found it constitutionally valid and directed the governor take his call on the bills.

As for the fourth bill, the governor granted assent to the Punjab Affiliated Colleges (Security of Service) Amendment Bill, 2023, which was aimed at streamlining the functioning of the Punjab Educational Tribunal for aided private colleges. The Sikh Gurdwaras (Amendment) Bill, 2023 was aimed at ensuring a free-to-air telecast of *Gurbani* from the Golden Temple in Amritsar while the Punjab Police (Amendment) Bill, 2023 was to pave the way to bring about an independent mechanism for selection and appointment of DGP.

Char Dham road project may get SC panel nod

NARENDRA SETHI @Dehradun

THE Supreme Court's high-power committee has reached a consensus to grant permission for the widening of the roads leading to the Char Dham shrines in Uttarakhand though a final approval is awaited, a panel member said.

The project aims to ensure smooth travel of the increasing number of pilgrims visiting Gangotri, Yamunotri, Kedarnath and Badrinath every year. According to officials, currently the 13-kilometre stretch from Augustmuni to Phata bypass in Kedarnath Dham is a single-lane road, causing frequent disruptions in vehicular traffic. Similarly, the 23-km route from Paligad to Janki-Chatti on the Yamunotri Dham road is also a single-lane road.

"Deliberations are going on to ensure that the project aligns with the steep valley terrain and takes into account the carrying capacity of fragile Himalayan valleys, as mandated by the Supreme Court," Hemant Dhayani, a senior member of the committee, told this newspaper. "There has been some consensus in HPC, but deliberations are still going on," Dhyani said, indicating that a final agreement is yet to be reached. The road-widening project on the Char Dham route was halted five years ago due to environmental concerns related to hill cutting, according to National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) officials.

Deepak Yadav, chief engineer of the Public Works Department, said the road widening project would get approval. "We will initiate the procedure and finalise a detailed project report (DPR)," Yadav said.

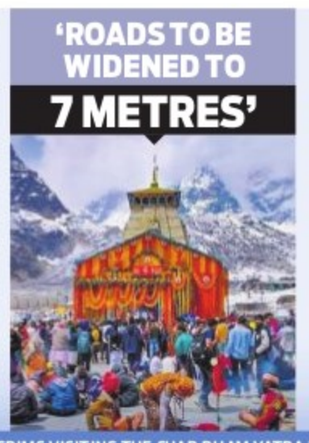
According to NHAI officials, the road width will be increased to seven metres with an additional pavement, making it approximately 10 metres wide which will facilitate smoother travel.

In a bid to analyse the environmental impact of the Char Dham project, the SC formed the HPC in August 2019, tasking it with recommending measures to minimise ecological damage. The project has been a subject of concern for environmentalists.

Ravi Chopra, a renowned environmentalist and former chairperson of the HPC, resigned in February 2022, citing differences in the committee's approach. The committee's ongoing deliberations are crucial in shaping the project's future and ensuring a balance between development and environmental sustainability.

Environmentalist Chopra, while sharing his concerns, emphasised the need for a thoughtful approach. "The recent three-day closure of the Badrinath Highway, a strategically sensitive issue, should be taken seriously as it connects our border," Chopra said.

He stressed the importance of prioritising safety over width, considering the area's carrying capacity. "They should adopt a 'safest approach' rather than a 'widest approach'," Chopra said.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Prisoners of war were exchanged by Russia and Ukraine

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LR: Light Rain • HR: Heavy Rain • TDS: Thundershower • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny

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Houston	34	25	LR	Singapore	32	28	SNY
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Don queers the pitch, says Taiwan should pay protection money to US

Cribs America is being treated as an insurance policy by the island

TAIPEI

TAIWAN "should pay" the United States for defence, US presidential candidate Donald Trump said in a wide-ranging interview that has cast doubt on the relationship between Washginton and Taipei should he be re-elected in November.

In an interview with *Bloomberg Businessweek* published on Tuesday, the former president was asked if he would defend self-ruled Taiwan from China, which claims the island as part of its territory.

"I know the people very well, respect them greatly. They did take about 100% of our chip business. I think, Taiwan should pay us for defence," he said, according to a transcript released by Bloomberg.

"You know, we're no different than an insurance company. Taiwan doesn't give us anything."

While Washington does not diplomatically recognise the island, it is a key partner and major weapons provider to Taipei, and recently passed a multi-billion-dollar military aid package aimed at countering Beijing.

Taiwan is also a major powerhouse in the crucial semiconductor industry, producing the majority of the advanced microchips needed to power the global economy.

A leader in the field is Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company (TSMC), which has been a key beneficiary of Washington's Chips and Science Act – passed in 2022 to attract companies to invest in building chip factories on American soil.

Thanks to the law, TSMC is building two plants in the United States and announced plans for a third in April, bringing its total investment up to $65 billion. Trump lamented in the interview that Washington was "giving them billions of dollars to build new chips in our country, and then they're going to take that too".

"I don't think we're any different from an insurance policy. Why? Why are we doing this? They took almost 100% of our chip industry, I give them credit," he said.

Acknowledging Trump's comments, Taiwanese Premier Cho Jung-tai pointed out Taipei had steadily boosted its defence budget in recent years.

"We are willing to take on more responsibility; we are defending ourselves and ensuring our security," he told reporters during a press briefing.

"We are also clear that Taiwan-US relations have been very strong in recent years. Maintaining peace and stability of the Taiwan Strait and Indo-Pacific region is our common responsibility and goal."

China has said it will never renounce the use of force to bring Taiwan under control.

Calm doesn't mean silence on truth: Biden

MOSCOW

PRESIDENT Joe Biden returned to the campaign trail on Tuesday for the first time since the attempted assassination of Donald Trump, continuing his calls to calm the divisive rhetoric on both sides but also arguing that doing so "doesn't mean we should stop telling the truth" about his Republican rival. Addressing the NAACP convention in Las Vegas, Biden said curbing political violence in the country should mean combating all kinds of bloodshed — including reducing police brutality and banning weapons like the AR-style rifle used in the weekend attack on the former president.

Joe Biden

"Our politics have become too heated," Biden said.

That didn't stop him from tearing into Trump, though, listing why the former president's administration was "hell" for Black Americans, including his mishandling of the coronavirus pandemic, skyrocketing unemployment amid early lockdowns and attempts to, as Biden put it, erase Black history.

"Just because we must lower the temperature in our politics as it relates to violence doesn't mean we should stop telling the truth," Biden told the crowd that often broke into chants of "Four more years!" Biden aims to showcase his administration's support for Black voters.

Iran rejects accusations it was involved in attack

Tehran: Iran has rejected accusations regarding plots to assassinate former US President Donald Trump, while citing legal action for the 2020 assassination of a revered general by US drone, the state-run IRNA news agency reported Wednesday. Foreign Ministry spokesman Nasser Kanaani said it is determined to pursue legal action for killing of Gen Qassem Soleimani.

ASIA MATTERS

INDONESIA

TWO DEAD AFTER EATING FRUIT OF PLANT

Two people have died and some 50 people in South Kalimantan province have been hospitalised due to suspected intoxication from eating the fruit of the Angel's Trumpet plant, *CNA* reported. Those affected displayed behaviour ranging from violent outbursts to delusion, with some claiming they were divine beings. According to *Antara* news agency, the patients are aged 22 and 50. Social media videos have gone viral of people hallucinating after eating the fruit. In one instance, a young man believing himself to be God entered a stranger's home, causing chaos.

MALAYSIA

ANWAR SPEAKS TO IRAN PRESIDENT-ELECT

Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim emphasised that Malaysia-Iran cooperation will remain free of foreign interference, focusing solely on the mutual benefit and prosperity of both nations, *The Star* reported. Anwar said he conveyed this message during a telephone conversation with President-elect Dr Masoud Pezeshkian on Wednesday.

THAILAND

6 DEAD MAY HAVE TAKEN CYANIDE

All six foreign nationals found dead in a luxury Bangkok hotel are presumed to have died after ingesting cyanide from teacups, a forensic doctor who performed autopsies on the deceased said on Wednesday. The bodies of six people of Vietnamese origin – two held American citizenship – were discovered in a suite at the Grand Hyatt Erawan Hotel in the tourist centre of Bangkok on Tuesday afternoon. Photos released by police of the bloodless crime scene showed bodies scattered around the room among plates of untouched Thai food, and two thermos flasks, cups.

Netanyahu ramps up pressure on Hamas after truce talks fail

Men stand before the collapsed minaret of a mosque following Israeli bombardment in Nuseirat in the central Gaza Strip on Wednesday | AFP

GAZA

ISRAEL kept up its air strikes on Gaza after Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Wednesday vowed to ramp up the pressure on Hamas as hopes fade for a US-announced ceasefire plan.

Hamas political leader Ismail Haniyeh accused Israel of deliberately undermining negotiations for a truce and hostage release deal because it did not want to end the war.

The Israeli military said it had carried out 25 strikes in 24 hours, targeting "military structures, terrorist infrastructure, terrorist cells and rigged structures". Netanyahu, who has repeatedly vowed to eradicate Hamas, insisted on Tuesday that despite mounting pressure, there would be no let-up in Israel's campaign against the militants.

"This is exactly the time to increase the pressure even more, to bring home all the hostages – the living and the dead – and to achieve all the war objectives," he said.

He rammed home the point in a speech to parliament, saying, "We have got them by the throat; we are on the road to absolute victory".

Netanyahu recalled that his decision to send Israeli ground troops into Rafah in May had also drawn international criticism, including from top ally the United States.

"In the Middle East, it's the strong and determined who are valued, not the weak and fragile," he said.

Washington has been pushing for a truce deal between Israel and Hamas since President Joe Biden released details of what he said was an Israeli ceasefire roadmap on May 31.

But despite the efforts of Egyptian and Qatari mediators, indirect negotiations between the foes have made no headway. In a telephone call with Turkish Foreign Minister Hakan Fidan late Tuesday, the Hamas leader blamed Israel for the deadlock.

"We dealt positively with the proposals put to us by the mediators but the occupation is avoiding the required outcome and does not want to reach an agreement under which it ends ts war," Haniyeh said. AFP

WAR WATCH

ISRAEL-GAZA: DAY 285

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Hamas committed war crimes, HRW says

Hamas led other Palestinian armed groups in committing hundreds of war crimes in the surprise October 7 attack on Israel, Human Rights Watch said in a report released on Wednesday. Hamas reacted with fury to demanding that HRW withdraw the report and "apologise".

Hezbollah vows to attack Israel

Hezbollah leader Hassan Nasrallah warned that his group would hit new targets in Israel if more civilians are killed in Israeli strikes on Lebanon. Lebanon's state-run *National News Agency* said Israeli strikes in the south killed five people, including three Syrian children. In response, Hezbollah launched rockets.

Former foe Haley endorses Trump

Melania to attend Trump's speech

Milwaukee: Donald Trump's wife Melania and other family members are expected to attend the Republican National Convention on Thursday in a rare show of public support for the former president as he accepts the party's nomination for president's post, according to a media report on Wednesday. Trump, 78, will deliver his acceptance speech on Thursday at the Republican Party's once-in-four-year convention.

Review of Secret Service handling Trump rally

Washington: The Department of Homeland Security's inspector general said its investigating the US Secret Service's handling of security for former President Donald Trump on the day a gunman tried to assassinate him at a Pennsylvania rally. The agency said that the objective is to evaluate the Secret Service's "process for securing former President Trump's July 13, 2024 campaign event."

MILWAUKEE

INDIAN-American Republican leader Nikki Haley has endorsed her former boss Donald Trump as the party's candidate for the presidential election, delivering the message of unity after their bitter rivalry during the primaries.

Haley, 52, unsuccessfully challenged Trump for the 2024 Republican presidential nomination, and spent months sparring with the former president.

Nikki Haley

But last week, she instructed her 97 delegates to vote for Trump at the convention as she called for unity in the party.

"I'll start by making one thing perfectly clear: Donald Trump has my strong endorsement, period,' Haley said on Tuesday as she addressed the Republican National Convention here during which the party will nominate Trump as its presidential candidate.

Haley, who was the only Republican leader to have seriously challenged Trump during the bruising campaign primaries, told thousands of delegates and party leaders that Trump is the best bet for the country and that the Republicans are united to defeat incumbent President Joe Biden.

"Let us join together as a party. Let us come together as a people – as one country strong and proud. Let us show our children and the world that even on our worst day, we are blessed to live in America," said the former South Carolina governor and the US Ambassador to the United Nations.

As Trump, 78, watched on from the convention centre's VIP suite, Haley used her speech to defend the former president's foreign policy record and speak directly to voters who disagree with him on certain issues.

Trump at the convention centre when she spoke gave a standing ovation to Haley when she endorsed him. *PTI*

NO INJURIES

Two drones target US base in Iraq

BAGHDAD

TWO drones were launched against a base in Iraq where forces of the US-led anti-jihadist coalition are stationed, security officials said Wednesday.

"An attack using two drones" targeted Ain al-Assad base in Anbar province on Tuesday evening, a police official said.

"One drone was shot down outside the base by defence systems, and the second exploded inside the base without causing any injuries or damage," he added. The attack comes amid escalating regional tensions fuelled by the war in Gaza between Washington's ally Israel and the Iran-backed Hamas.

Iran-backed armed groups in Iraq have largely halted similar attacks on US-backed troops in recent months, but have continued to threaten action should war break out between their ally Hezbollah in Lebanon and Israel. A senior security official in Baghdad confirmed Tuesday's attack, saying he believed it was meant to "embarrass" the Iraqi government and pressure the ongoing talks on the future of the international coalition in Iraq, with Iran-backed groups demanding a withdrawal. There was no immediate claim of responsibility. The US military has some 2,500 troops deployed in Iraq and 900 in Syria with the international coalition. The coalition was deployed in 2014. *AFP*

Dhaka university closed indefinitely after six killed over job quota protest

DHAKA

AUTHORITIES at the premier Dhaka University on Wednesday announced an indefinite closure of the institution after ongoing protests demanding reforms in the quota system in government jobs turned violent and left at least six people, including three students, dead across the country.

Armed police stand guard at Dhaka University in the capital on Wednesday | AFP

The students have been asked to vacate their dormitories by 6 pm on Wednesday. This decision was taken at an emergency syndicate meeting at the office of Vice Chancellor, the *Dhaka Tribune* reported. "Considering the security of the students, we have decided to close the university indefinitely and evacuate the halls," *The Daily Star* reported quoting an official.

However, students of the university are protesting the decision, and they have thronged the VC's residence, the report added. At least six people, including three students, were killed and more than 100 others injured on Tuesday after protesters demanded quota reforms in public service and clashed with police in major cities across Bangladesh, forcing the closure of schools and colleges. The High Court on June 5 declared illegal a 2018 government circular that abolished quotas in government jobs, and on July 10, the Supreme Court issued a status quo on the High Court judgement. The University Grants Commission (UGC) directed all universities to suspend academic activities until further notice and instructed students to leave residential halls. *PTI*

EXPRESS READ

China suspends arms control, non-proliferation talks with US

Beijing: China on Wednesday said it has suspended the crucial arms control and non-proliferation talks with the US, accusing Washington of continuing arms sales to Taiwan. Announcing this, Chinese Foreign Ministry Spokesman Lin Jian said the US continued sales of weapons to self-ruled Taiwan, which China claims as a rebel province that must be reunified with the mainland, even by force. He said that despite Beijing's opposition, the US actions had severely damaged the political atmosphere necessary for continued arms control consultations between the two sides. "The responsibility for this situation lies entirely with the US," he said, blaming US for the disruption.

Labour vows to reform House of Lords, to axe 100 hereditary lawmakers

LONDON

KING Charles III outlined Labour's first programme for government in 15 years on Wednesday, with promises of economic stability and tougher action on irregular immigration to improving relations with Europe soured by Brexit.

"We will unlock growth and take the brakes off Britain," Prime Minister Keir Starmer said in introductory remarks to the King's Speech, a centuries-old tradition full of pomp and ceremony that details the laws the government proposes to make over the next 12 months.

Charles reads out government's agenda in Parliament on Wednesday | AFP

Charles delivered Labour's proposals from a golden throne in the House of Lords upper chamber after a carriage procession from Buckingham Palace. The speech also tackled an issue that has foxed previous governments: reforming the House of Lords. The unelected upper chamber of Parliament is packed with almost 800 members – largely lifetime political appointees, with a smattering of judges, bishops and almost 100 hereditary aristocrats. The government said it would remove the "outdated and indefensible" presence of hereditary nobles, though there was no mention of Labour's promise to set a Lords retirement age of 80.

The government vowed it would axe nearly 100 hereditary lawmakers from the House of Lords, in what it called a first step ahead of wider reforms of parliament's unelected upper chamber. "Measures to modernise the constitution will be introduced including House of Lords reform to remove the right of hereditary peers to sit and vote in the Lords," head of state King Charles III said as he unveiled the government's plans.

The speech included more than 35 bills, including measures to enforce public spending rules. *AFP/AP*

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18 lakh jobs in the financial services sector for which there were no takers last year, a top official of the Financial Planning Standards Board said on Wednesday

Why govt won't withdraw angel tax in Budget 2024

MONIKA YADAV @ New Delhi

DESPITE persistent industry demands to address the issue of angel tax, sources suggest that the government is unlikely to abolish it in the upcoming budget to be announced on July 23. The rationale behind retaining the angel tax is to prevent the potential risk of converting black money into white money in the absence of this provision.

"Removing Angel tax can lead to black money because some people might exploit the system by investing their undisclosed, untaxed money into startups at higher-than-actual values. This practice allows them to convert their unaccounted for or illegally obtained money into legitimate, taxable income through these investments," one of the sources, who didn't want to be cited told this paper.

Angel tax is a provision that affects start-ups and unlisted companies that receive funding from foreign investors, who are a major source of capital for these ventures. Despite various supportive schemes like the Startup India Seed Fund Scheme, the Startup India initiative, and Startup Accelerators of MeitY Product Innovation and Growth, the presence of angel tax is proving to be counterproductive, as per experts. Industry is demanding from the government to address the issue of angel tax which was first introduced in 2012 to prevent money laundering.

"The issue with angel tax lies in the subjective valuation of start-ups, which can lead to disputes with tax officials. Startups are required to justify any excess amount raised beyond the valuation determined by a specific formula or approach. This scrutiny not only creates uncertainty but also poses a risk of additional tax burdens on the startups.

Moreover, the extended reach of angel tax is prompting startups to consider relocating or establishing operations in foreign jurisdictions with more favorable tax environments," the source said.

Experts say angel tax counterproductive

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Populist budget unlikely: Experts

They say govt has enough revenue to boost demand by focusing on labour intensive sectors

MONIKA YADAV @ New Delhi

DESPITE speculations that there may be tax cuts in the upcoming budget, experts suggest these measures would be ineffective in boosting consumption. However, they say the government has enough revenue to boost demand by focusing on labour intensive sectors, like increased spending on education, health and rural development.

As per Arun Kumar, former professor of Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), cutting taxes wouldn't serve the purpose of boosting demand in the economy as only 1-2% of Indians effectively pay income tax. "The government could stimulate demand by spending more on health, education and rural development. This way, there will be direct employment generation and people will have more in their hands to spend," Kumar said.

He stressed on the fact that indirect taxes impact middle, lower middle class and the poor more than direct taxes. He questioned what is 'populist'. Social welfare measures should not be called populist since it is the duty of the government to step in when there is distress.

As per Dr Lekha S Chakraborty, Professor at National Institute of Public Finance and Policy, there is no room for a populist budget. She said the government would instead use fiscal space for strengthening infrastructure investment, not in populist policies. High deficit and debt will be used for Capex formation and in transferring interest-free loans to the states as they are doing heavy lifting in terms of capital formation.

RBI has transferred the Centre ₹2.11 lakh crore, which is much more than the ₹1 lakh crore the government had estimated in interim budget. This puts it in a fiscally comfortable position.

Nomura has identified five potential themes that may emerge in the upcoming budget -- lifting consumption, social sector focus, manufacturing boost, infra push (with Centre's capex at 3.5% of GDP, up from 3.4% in interim budget) and its medium-term economic vision (reform agenda & fiscal glide path).

"Despite possible cut to fiscal deficit, we don't foresee a fall in market borrowing. Gross borrowing is likely to be at ₹14.1 lakh crore," added Nomura. "It's not going to be an out and out populist budget. They have 0.4% of GDP worth extra bonanza. They may allocate a large part of that to revex increase," said Madhavi Arora, lead economist with Emkay Global Financial Services.

RUN-UP TO BUDGET

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MG Motor to launch 5 new cars in next one year

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

ON the back of fresh funds and a local joint venture (JV) partner, MG Motor is gearing up to launch five new products in India over next 12 months. The first new launch to take place this festive season (Sept-Oct 2024), will be an electric crossover utility vehicle (CUV).

Three of the five upcoming launches are going to be in the mass market category while the rest two would cater to the premium market.

"We have 5 new products approved (by the JV) to be launched in the next 1 year. The first will be launched a few months from now in the festive period. It is going to be a CUV, a vehicle with huge space and SUV capability. It will be loaded with features," said Rajeev Chaba, chairman emeritus, of MG Motor India.

Chaba added that now that the JV with JSW Group is formed, their target is to expand fast - increasing production capacity from 100,000 units to 300,000 units - in the next 3-5 years. "As we speak, we are busy putting the second plant in Halol (Gujarat). We are going to increase capacity from 100K to 300K per annum. In the next 3-5 years, we should have 300k cars and when you have this capacity, you need to have the products to fill the plant. One of the biggest priorities of the JV was to get new products. I am happy to say we've got five new cars approved for launch in India," said Chaba.

Billionaire Sajjan Jindal-led JSW Group and China's largest carmaker - SAIC Motor (parent firm of MG Motor) – in March this year finalised automotive joint venture (JV) 'JSW MG Motor India Pvt Ltd'. According to the contours of the JV, the two parties are investing 5,000 crore.

The JV is seen as a much-needed step to aid the growth of MG brand as it was struggling to raise funds for its future endeavours after India started scrutinising Chinese investments in the country.

Asian Paints net profit falls 25% to ₹1,170 crore for June quarter of FY25

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HIT by the severe heat wave condition and the general election induced poor market sentiment, the paints major Asian Paints saw a steep 25% year-on-year decline in consolidated net at ₹1,170 crore for the June quarter of the current financial year.

Brokerages were expecting net profit to fall by only 7.6% to ₹1,432 crore, and revenue to remain flat at ₹9,236 crore for the quarter. Against this revenue from sales declined 2% to ₹8,970 crore in the reporting quarter, the company said in a statement Wednesday.

"Demand conditions for the industry were tough, impacted by the severe heatwave conditions and the general elections," Amit Syngle, the managing director and chief executive of the country's largest paints maker, that controls more than a third of market said in a statement.

However, Syngle expects the demand to improve shortly. "In the near term, we expect demand conditions to improve at the back of improving rural sentiment and the improving monsoons which is picking up gradually."

While pre-tax profit declined 20% to ₹1,693.8 crore from ₹2,121.3 crore, pre-tax margin shrunk to 18.9% from 23.2% in the corresponding period of the previous year, said the statement.

International sales also fell short from the previous year's levels and was down by 2.3% to ₹679.1 crore on the back of economic uncertainty, forex crisis and liquidity issues in key markets of Asia and Egypt where it has considerable presence, the company said.

The home decor business saw growth in bath fittings and kitchen business by 10% and 4.6%, respectively.

In anticipation of the earnings, Asian Paints shares gained 0.4% to ₹2,968 on the Bombay Stock Exchange on Tuesday. The markets are closed on Wednesday on account of a religious holiday.

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LTIMindtree profit falls 1.5% to ₹1,135 crore

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Bengaluru

LTIMINDTREE on Wednesday posted a 1.5% fall in its consolidated net profit for the June quarter at ₹1,135 crore as against ₹1,152 crore in the same period a year-ago. The IT services firm's revenue from operations in Q1FY24 stood at ₹9,142 crore, a 5.1% rise as against ₹8,702 crore in the year-ago period.

The company announced that the Board of Directors have approved setting up a wholly-owned subsidiary in Brazil, with an initial investment of $1 million.

EBIT expanded to 15% and order inflow remained at $1.4 billion. "While environment remains unchanged, fiscal 25 started on a positive note for us with Q1FY25 revenue of $1.1 billion, a 2.5% QoQ and 3.5% YoY revenue growth in USD terms. Our top 3 industry verticals and largest geography have performed well sequentially. This is attributed to a measured uptick in IT spending for critical initiatives with clients balancing innovation and fiscal prudence," said Debashis Chatterjee, CEO and MD, LTIMindtree. He added that there are early signs of recovery in the market with some greenshoots emerging. It expects the momentum to continue in Q2 and it said as clients continue building their artificial intelligence (AI) momentum and graduating AI beyond proof of concept stages, it is well-positioned to capitalise on this opportunity.

AVIATION

AI announces VRS for permanent ground staff

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

CUTTING down headcount as part of its merger process with Vistara, Air India on Wednesday announced a voluntary retirement scheme (VRS) for its permanent ground staff.

"We are announcing a Voluntary Retirement Scheme (VRS) for employees with a minimum of five years of continuous service at Air India and a Voluntary Separation Scheme (VSS) for employees with less than five years of continuous service," said the Tata Group airline in a message to the ground staff. The merger of Vistara, a 51:49 joint venture of the Group and Singapore Airlines, with Air India is expected to get clear by the end of this year. As per reports, the merged entity would need fewer staff to manage day to day operations.

Excluding pilots, Air India said all permanent ground staff, including cabin crew, and any licensed role holder would be eligible for the two schemes. The window to participate in VRS and VSS would remain open till August 16. The acceptance of applications and the release date would be decided by Air India management.

Currently, Air India has about 19,000 employees (both contractual and permanent), while Vistara has about 6,500. Industry sources say this VRS would impact 500-600 staff. In March this year, Air India had laid off over 180 non-flying employees in the last few weeks.

Godrej and Boyce planning to expand footprint in Chennai, to set up facility

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Chennai

GODREJ AND BOYCE, flagship company of Godrej group, is planning to expand its footprint in Chennai by setting up another manufacturing facility in the outskirts of the city and is likely to invest around ₹350 crore to ₹400 crore, according to Vikas Choudaha, executive vice-president and business head of Godrej Solutions.

Addressing reporters here on Wednesday, Choudaha said the expansion of the company, which is into manufacturing of pallets and shelves, is being planned to augment production capacity in view of growth in the sector for the next two decades. The investment would be in a phased manner.

The 27 acre Ambattur plant has a capacity of 90,000 tonne per annum and it has touched up to 66,000 during the peak time. This year we are planning to produce more and the plant is efficient for the next 18 months, said Choudaha. He said the company is looking at a similar size of land parcel for the new plant. "If we have to have a similar capacity plant then the investment would be around ₹350 crore to ₹400 crore plus the land," he said.

Targetting a turnover of ₹500 crore in exports by the financial year 2027-28, he said the company is aiming at the overall growth of ₹1,600 crore in the next two to three years.

Nazara Technologies gets GST notice of ₹1,120 crore

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

TWO subsidiaries of gaming firm Nazara Technologies have received notices nearly ₹1,120 crore the Goods and Services Tax (GST) in retrospectively for the period from FY18 to FY23. According to a stock exchange filing by Nazara Technologies on Wednesday revealed that Openplay faces a liability of ₹845.72 crore, while Halaplay is required to pay ₹274.21 crore.

Nazara disclosed that these claims relate to the calculation of GST based on the sums pooled by players rather than on gross gaming revenues. "Both subsidiaries are reviewing the notices with their legal counsels and tax advisors to determine their future course of action," said Nazara.

In August 2021, Nazara Technologies acquired a 100% stake in OpenPlay, a Hyderabad-based skill gaming company, for ₹186.4 crore. The acquisition of Halaplay was carried out through several investment rounds. Nazara also reported that these subsidiaries together accounted for less than 2% of the company's revenues and less than 1% of its profits for the quarter ending March 2024. For Q1 FY25, Nazara Technologies reported total revenue of ₹254.43 crore and a profit of ₹17.8 crore.

In FY24, Nazara Technologies saw a 4.3% increase in revenue from operations, rising to ₹1,138 crore from ₹1,091 crore in FY23. Despite the modest revenue growth, the company managed to achieve a 23% increase in profit, which reached Rs 75 crore in FY24 compared to Rs 61 crore in FY23, thanks to controlled costs and a significant rise in other income.

In October of the previous year, the government implemented a 28% GST on real money gaming companies, a move that sparked significant protests from the gaming industry, including from Nazara.

SBI enhances convenience with online loan against mutual funds

Mumbai: SBI, country's largest lender, is set to digitally empower customers and enhance convenience with the introduction of an online loan facility against mutual fund (MF) units through its Internet Banking (INB) and YONO App. This digital offering enables customers to avail loans from the comfort of their homes, offering a 100% paperless and digital process that is available 24x7. The new loan facility is extended at attractive interest rates to mutual fund schemes of all asset management companies (AMCs) registered with CAMS. The development marks a major upgrade from the previous service, which was limited to loans against SBI Mutual Fund schemes only and was available only via branches requiring physical visits by customers. Dinesh Khara, Chairman, SBI, said, "We are pleased to introduce loan against MF units for our customers on internet banking and YONO app. We believe digitalisation of Loan against MFs will enable our valued customers to experience a digital, hassle-free, and paperless loan process.

Business & Beyond

Agri SURE' fund of ₹750 cr under NABVENTURES at prelaunch stakeholder meet in Mumbai

Mumbai: The Department of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare in collaboration with the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) held a prelaunch stakeholder meet to announce the 'AgriSURE' fund, an Agri Fund for Start-Ups & Rural Enterprises. The fund is announced by NABVENTURES, a subsidiary of NABARDwith an initial corpus of ₹750 Crore with 250 crores each from NABARD and the Ministry of Agriculture, and 250 crores from other institutions. The event took place in Mumbai was graced by the presence of Shri Ajeet KumarSahu, Joint Secretary, Department of Agriculture &Farmers Welfare, Shri Shaji K.V., Chairman, NABARD, Shri Govardhan Singh Rawat, DMD, NABARD, and Dr. Ajay Kumar Sood, DMD, NABARD.

5-Star accommodation for loco pilots, guards at Railway rest rooms

Kolkata: Eastern Railway's crew lobbies are air-conditioned now and feature-packed with checking in by biometric, RO water filter and cooler, 5-star standard rest room accommodation with cubicle system for uninterrupted rest, food counters, separate rest room for lady staff. Railways have provided attractive crockery, furniture and foot massagers at rest rooms for augmenting comfort level of staff. At present, there are 26 crew lobbies over Eastern Railway, most of which have both crew booking and crew waiting facilities. Loco pilots, assistant loco pilots, train managers, motor man, guards and running staff are of importance to Railways and all sort of facilities have been provided to them for their proper rest between successive duties.

Modric extends Real deal for another season

Real Madrid captain Luka Modric has signed a new one-year deal to keep him at the Santiago Bernabeu for the upcoming season. The 38-year-old midfielder extended his contract until June 30, 2025. Modric has won six Champions League titles, La Liga four times and lifted the Copa del Rey twice with Real Madrid.

With the sport in disarray in the country since January 2023, **Firoz Mirza** writes on how a podium finish at Paris Olympics is essential to bring back the game on track & restore the lost glory...

Need medals now more than ever

Vinesh Phogat

WRESTLING MEDALS AT GAMES

KD Jadhav- 57kg FS bronze at 1952 Helsinki Olympics

Sushil Kumar- 66kg FS bronze at 2008 Beijing Olympics

Sushil Kumar- 66kg FS silver at 2012 London Olympics

Yogeshwar Dutt- 60kg FS bronze at 2012 London Olympics

Sakshi Malik- 58kg WW bronze at 2016 Rio Olympics

Ravi Dahiya- 57kg FS silver at 2020 Tokyo Olympics

Bajrang Punia- 65kg FS bronze at 2020 Tokyo Olympics

INDIA WRESTLING TEAM FOR PARIS

Women wrestling: Vinesh Phogat (50kg), Antim Panghal (53kg), Anshu Malik (57kg), Nisha Dahiya (68kg), Reetika Hooda (76kg)

Men's freestyle: Aman Sehrawat (57kg)

1st - Wrestler KD Jadhav was India's first individual Olympic medallist post independence when he won bronze in the men's bantamweight (57kg) freestyle at the 1952 Helsinki Olympics

2nd - Wrestling, with 7 medals so far, is India's second most successful sport at the Olympics after hockey (12 medals)

4 - Wrestling is the only discipline to win at least a medal for the country in the last four Olympics (2008, 2012, 2016 and 2020)

FROM giving the country its first individual Olympic medallist 72 years ago to being the most consistent discipline at the Games since 2008, wrestling aptly is India's second most successful sport at the quadrennial event after field hockey (12 medals — eight gold, one silver and three bronze). The Indian wrestlers have won seven medals (two silver and five bronze) at the Olympics so far and have been contenders at each Games in the last two decades.

The sport, however, is mired in controversy at the moment and needs an Olympic medal more than ever for its revival. To begin with, after more than a satisfactory show at the Tokyo Olympics in 2021 when Ravi Dahiya and Bajrang Punia won 57kg silver and 65kg bronze respectively, expectations soared with the Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) drawing a roadmap till the 2028 Los Angeles Games.

For the Paris Games, the plan was clear — anything less than four medals would have been a disaster. It all changed in January 2023 with the country's top wrestlers including Olympic medallist Bajrang and Sakshi Malik (bronze in the 2016 Rio Games) staging an unprecedented protest against the WFI accusing its chief Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh of sexual exploitation. Such was the impact of the protest that it forced the world governing body, United World Wrestling, to intervene and suspend the WFI. The result was there to see as only Antim Panghal (53kg) managed to earn an Olympic quota through the 2023 World Championships — three less than the previous cycle when four managed to secure Tokyo Games berth through the preceding 2019 World Championships. The numbers gained respectability as five more booked Paris tickets via the World and Asian Olympic Games Qualifiers this year but the build-up to the Games remained in disarray.

No preparatory camp

The WFI lost ground considerably due to the protest. More than anything, it lost the hold over the sport and athletes. Despite its suspension being revoked by the UWW early this year, the federation under its new president, Sanjay Kumar Singh, could not regain control. Apparently, wrestlers continued dealing directly with the sports ministry and the Sports Authority of India leaving the WFI, at times, unaware of their whereabouts and training schedule.

Given the situation, the WFI president even wrote to the TOPS division of the SAI requesting it to conduct medical tests of Olympic-bound wrestlers. "I am writing to inform you that there will be no camp for wrestlers for Olympic preparation this year. Instead, I would like to bring to your attention that some wrestlers participating in the Olympic Games are training in India at their respective training centres, while others are training abroad under the TOPS Scheme. In light of the upcoming 2024 Paris Olympics Games, it is crucial that all participating wrestlers undergo thorough medical testing before departing for the Games," read the letter written by the WFI's president a few days ago.

Hopes remain

Nonetheless, expectations are high from Indian wrestlers in Paris. The build-up to the Games might be far from perfect but the way the sport has evolved in India in the last two decades, wrestling remains one of the bright medal prospects. More than the athletes, a medal will do a world of good for the sport, whose reputation has taken a big hit in the country, itself. And who else can vouch for it than a former Olympic medallist? Yogeshwar Dutt.

"The sport was badly hit in the last one-and-a-half-year and a medal or two can help it immensely to regain the lost faith," the 2012 London Olympic bronze medallist Yogeshwar told this daily.

Elaborating further, the 2014 Asian Games and Commonwealth Games gold medallist in 65kg said, "The controversy saw a lot of girls choosing other sports like badminton and boxing over wrestling. The strength of girls has gone down at akharas. Parents have lost faith because of the controversy. I firmly believe a medal or two can restore the faith and once again the girls will choose the sport as a career."

It was he along with double Olympic medallist Sushil Kumar who made wrestling popular in the country. The duo won medals on the international stage in cadet and junior categories to change the profile of the game in India. Fittingly, they became the flagbearers of the sport in 2004 with both of them representing the country at the Olympics. They reposed the faith put on them as Sushil won back-to-back medals in the 2008 and 2012 Games with Yogeshwar claiming a bronze in the latter event.

"As we (Sushil and me) won international medals, the sport became popular in the country. After we won Olympic medals, the sport got a huge fillip. Before that only aspirants from rural backgrounds were pursuing wrestling but after our medal hauls, kids from urban centers started wrestling. India became a wrestling hub with our wrestlers bagging medals in all big events. But the controversy has an impact on the country's wrestling internationally. It has created doubt in wrestlers' minds as well. They were unsure of the future in the last few months. A medal in Paris will help erase those wrongs and once again put wrestling on the pedestal."

Olympic, different ball game

Yogeshwar competed in four Olympics (From 2004 to 2016) but every time it was a different experience for him. "When I made my debut, I was young and raring to go. It was a completely different experience. In 2008, I was a medal contender but failed to live up to my billing. I finished on the podium the next Games but that also meant I was expected to repeat the feat in 2016. So you can never say that you are an experienced guy at the Olympics. No matter how many medals you have won internationally but Olympics is different. Olympic medal is the goal for every starter and this puts a huge pressure."

Tradition to continue

Despite all the mess, Yogeshwar believes Indian wrestlers have the potential to clinch medals in Paris. He is expecting at least a couple of medals. "Aman might be the lone male wrestler but he is certainly the medal prospect. He has trained with Ravi Dahiya and beaten him in trials. This will stand him in good stead. Similarly, young female wrestlers like Antim and Reetika too can finish on the podium. So if you ask me, Indian wrestlers can even surpass the Tokyo tally."

Wrestling events will begin at the Champ-de-Mars Arena on August 5. As it happened in Tokyo, once again Indian wrestlers will be on the mat chasing Olympic glory. In 2021, they won two medals swelling India's tally but medals in Paris will be different. It will not only add to India's tally but pave way for restoring the lost glory of the sport in the country. Over to worlds medallists Vinesh Phogat, Anshu Malik and Antim, Aman, Nisha and Reetika to revive India's wrestling fortunes.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

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ROAD AHEAD

WITH THE BCCI YET TO ANNOUNCE THE SQUAD FOR THE SRI LANKA SERIES, A LOOK AT SOME KEY TALKING POINTS...

NEW T20I CAPTAIN?

Hardik Pandya has been the vice-captain or captain in the shortest format whenever he has played in the last two years. However, if reports are to be believed, Suryakumar Yadav, who captained India in South Africa late last year, is also in the mix as the selectors meet to pick the squad. What will be interesting to see is how much of a say the new head coach Gautam Gambhir has in the matter.

WHAT ABOUT ODIS?

In the lead up to the Champions Trophy next year, India play six ODIs, including three in Sri Lanka. While the likes of Rohit Sharma, Virat Kohli and Jasprit Bumrah are expected to be rested in the T20Is, whether or not the team management and the selectors will ask them to play ODIs is yet to be seen. After the SL tour, the focus will solely be on the longer format so workload management could be key.

THE SUPPORT STAFF

While the reins have been handed over to Gambhir, the new head coach, his support staff are yet to be announced. In fact, the BCCI hasn't invited applications yet. Multiple names are doing rounds, but no one has been confirmed officially as of yet. One has to wait and see whether they appoint someone in the next week.

ODI RETURNEES

He might not have played for India for a long time, but KL Rahul features prominently in the 50-over set up and so does Shreyas Iyer. They were imperative in India reaching the final of the home World Cup last year. Although both of them could return for the ODIs in all likelihood, it will be interesting to see what role they play, especially with the likes of Rishabh Pant, Sanju Samson and Pandya coming back into the fold.

Jyothi ready to roar in Olympics

KALYANI MANGALE @ Chennai

WORLD University Games in July 2023 and Motonet GP Jyvaskyla athletics meet in May 2024 brought similar results for India's track and field athlete Jyothi Yarraji. She broke the national record to win the bronze medal in China, and a year later, with the exact same timing of 12.78 seconds, she bagged a gold medal in Finland. However, she fell short of qualifying for the Olympics by a whisker.

The Andhra Pradesh athlete missed the Paris 2024 Olympics qualifying mark by 0.01s. Eventually, the 24-year-old became the first Indian 100m hurdler to participate in the Olympics through the world ranking quota. Yarraji has put all of it behind her as she is training in Poland to approach her first-ever Olympics. "Preparations are going well throughout the season. After reaching Poland, the sessions are going great. And we are quite confident and expecting good timing in the Olympics," Yarraji told the media in the virtual interaction facilitated by Reliance Foundation.

Yarraji's coach and the chief of Reliance Foundation's athletics programme in India, James Hillier, expanded on the systematic plan in place for her in Poland. "We have a three-week training camp here at the Polish Olympics training center before we go into the village on the 29th of July. We're working on a specific plan for the Olympics. Pretty much working on speed, fast hurdling, and some good strength work in the gym. Lots of recovery in place as well. We have some last-minute things that we need to work on to get ready for the seventh of August when she has her first round," Hillier mentioned.

The coach also underlined the priorities he has set for Yarraji in the final intense preparation. "In the 100m hurdles, you have a series of constants. The constant would be the hurdles, their height, and spacing. Every athlete basically takes the same number of steps in 100m hurdles. We have to find a way to fit Jyothi's body for the spacing in between the hurdles. I am trying to create an environment where I'm replicating the rhythms and postures that

Jyothi Yarraji

I want from her in a perfect-world situation. My belief is if she can feel that rhythm, then if everything is good and her body allows her, she'll have a better chance to replicate that in a race. We are fundamentally working on three main things. Speed, breaking her rhythm and building it back as fast as possible and running somewhat out of control. I want her to feel like she's running so fast that she is almost out of control of her body and being open-minded to that, and the body being open to just being out of control. I believe it's easier to replicate something you have already done than to do something for the first time,"

The rhythm the duo spoke about plays a vital role in the final preparation as the main aim is to reduce the time Yarraji needs to complete the race. The national record holder echoed the sentiments of her coach and added that she is not trying to do something out of the box with her Olympics race approaching soon. "I don't want to give my body too much stress by doing something different or big, because when we think too much it goes wrong sometimes. So I just want to keep my body and mind the same way. This is the Olympics and it is a great competition, but I think, as my coach has told me, this is the same competition every time. It is the same hurdles, the same distance, it's all the same. So, if I'm thinking about doing something big here, it's not possible, right? The preparations are going here and I have to go and apply there. That's my target," she added.

With the Athletics competition starting from August 1, Yarraji might miss the glitter of what promises to be one of a kind opening ceremony in Paris. However, she hopes to add more glitter to India's tally and she has put the work it.

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EXPRESS READ

Six nations get ICC Development Awards

DUBAI: Six emerging cricket-playing nations — Mexico, Oman, Netherlands, UAE, Nepal and Scotland — were on Wednesday announced as winners of the ICC Development Awards for their path-breaking initiatives for the growth of the sport globally. Launched in 2002, the awards are in recognition of the initiatives being taken by the ICC Associate Members to promote the game globally through innovative development programmes or inspiring efforts.

French FA to complaint on 'racist' remarks

PARIS: The French football federation pledged to file a complaint with FIFA over 'racist and discriminatory remarks' by Argentina players in post-match chants about France's team after their Copa America title win. Argentina beat Colombia 1-0 on Sunday at Miami Gardens, Florida. A video posted on Instagram by Argentina midfielder Enzo Fernandez showed Argentina players appearing to sing about French players with African heritage.

Bawa signs off with bronze at World Junior squash

NEW DELHI: India's Shaurya Bawa signed off with a bronze medal after going down 0-3 to Egyptian top seed Mohamed Zakaria in the boys' singles semifinal of the World Junior Squash Championships in Houston. Bawa lost 5-11 5-11 9-11 to last year's runner-up Zakaria in a thrilling 41-minute semifinal contest.

PARIS OLYMPICS

Mayor swims in the Seine to showcase improved cleanliness

AGENCIES @ PARIS

AFTER months of anticipation, Paris Mayor Anne Hidalgo took a dip in the long-polluted Seine River on Wednesday, fulfilling a promise to show the river was clean enough to host open swimming competitions during the 2024 Olympics — and the opening ceremony on the river nine days away.

Clad in a wetsuit and goggles, Hidalgo plunged into the river near the imposing-looking City Hall, her office, and the Notre Dame Cathedral. Paris 2024 chief Tony Estanguet and the top government official for the Paris region, Marc Guillaume, joined her, along with swimmers from local swimming clubs. "The Seine is exquisite," said Hidalgo from the water. After emerging, she continued to rave, "The water is very, very good. A little cool, but not so bad." She also said today was "a dream" and a "testimony that we have achieved a lot of work," referencing the city's "swimming plan" that was launched in 2015.

They swam down the river for about 100 meters, switching between crawl and breaststroke. "After twenty years of doing sports in the river, I find it admirable that we are trying to clean it up," said Estanguet, who has three Olympic gold medals in canoeing.

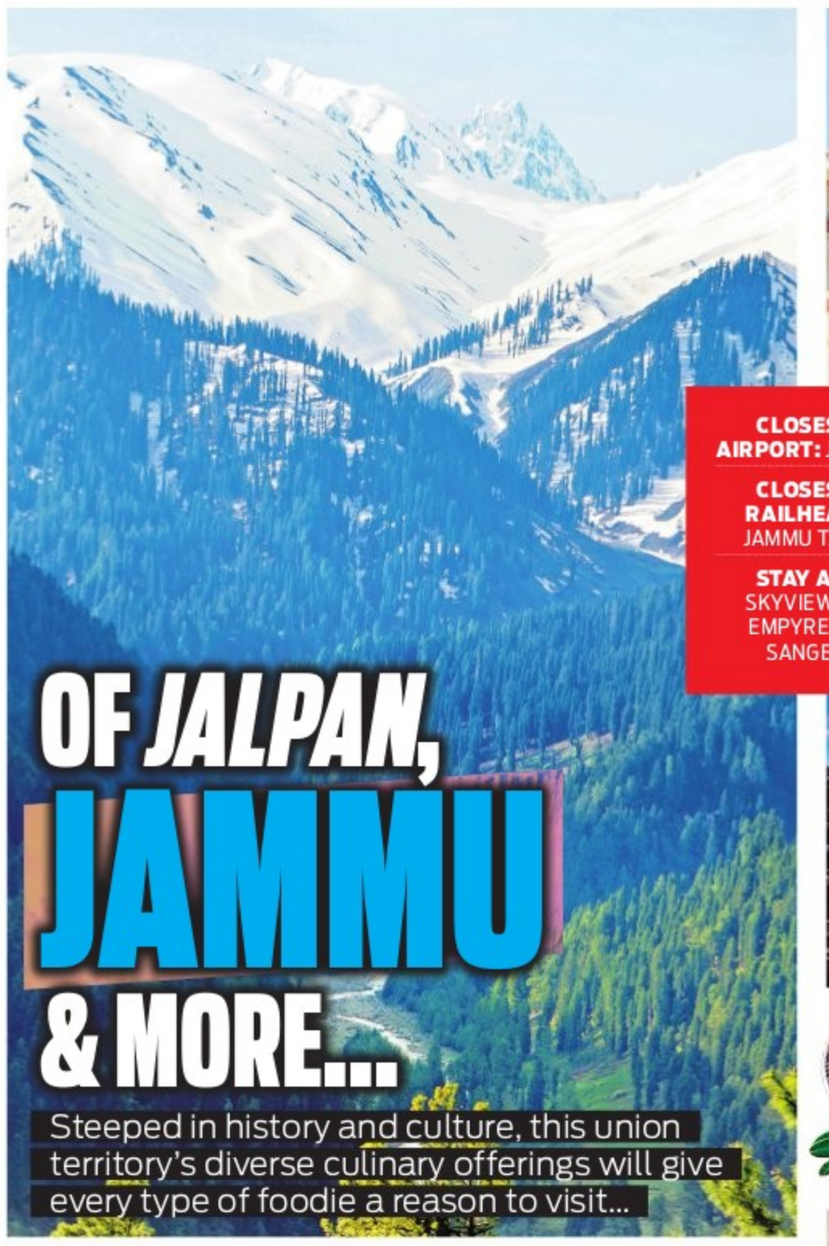
Paris Mayor Anne Hidalgo and Tony Estanguet, President of the Paris 2024 Olympic and Paralympic Games Organizing Committee, swim in the Seine river | AP

It's part of a broader effort to showcase the river's improved cleanliness ahead of the Summer Games which will kick off July 26 with a lavish open-air ceremony that includes an athletes' parade on boats on the Seine. Daily water quality tests in early June indicated unsafe levels of E. coli bacteria, followed by recent improvements.

Swimming in the Seine has been banned for over a century. Since 2015, organizers have invested $1.5 billion to prepare the Seine for the Olympics and to ensure Parisians have a cleaner river after the Games. The plan included constructing a giant underground water storage basin in central Paris, renovating sewer infrastructure, and upgrading wastewater treatment plants. That didn't deter Hidalgo, who carefully entered the river Wednesday using a ladder on an artificial pond, set up for the event. Seven security boats were deployed for the occasion.

Indians travelling to Qatar can use UPI at various places thanks to a collaboration with the QNB merchant network.

Indonesia will soon implement visa-free entry for citizens of 20 countries including travellers from India.



OF JALPAN, JAMMU & MORE...

Steeped in history and culture, this union territory's diverse culinary offerings will give every type of foodie a reason to visit...

CLOSEST AIRPORT: JAMMU

CLOSEST RAILHEAD: JAMMU TAWI

STAY AT : SKYVIEW BY EMPYREAN, SANGET

SRUSHTI KULKARNI

PERCHED on the banks of the river Tawi and cradled by the Himalayas to the north and the northern plains to the south, Jammu, often referred to as the 'City of Temples,' is a treasure trove of history and culture. Named after its founder, Raja Jambulochan, who is believed to have ruled the area in the 9th century, this union territory will take you by surprise when you learn it sits at a low elevation of just 327 metres. And having experienced the place over a weekend getaway, here is a food-focused itinerary spanning across Jammu and its culturally rich culinary heritage.

As you drive towards this enchanting city, you are greeted with the breathtaking view of the famous Vaishnav Devi trekking route in Katra, snuggling the lush green Trikuta Mountain. This hill, known to be the second home of the divine goddess Durga, is also one of the twenty mountains surrounding Maha Meru (Mount Meru), the abode of Brahma. Having offered our prayers from afar, we drive along the Jammu–Srinagar National Highway, the northernmost segment of NH 44, which offers a scenic passage through a series of rugged ranges and tunnels, before leading you to this former princely state nestled in the Himalayas.

Rajma Chawal

One of the first attractions that will welcome you to the destination is the newly inaugurated Jambu Zoo in Khanpur. This zoo, which opened its doors last summer, is home to exotic animals such as gharials, Himalayan black bears, goral and hog deer, alongside Asiatic lions, Bengal tigers, emus and various other types of deer and snakes. As exciting as sighting these animals was, they're nothing to beat our eagerness to reach this charming town in the hills of Patnitop. Kud is renowned for its sweet shops, where one can savour fresh local delicacies and cheese. As foodies who also happen to be history buffs, we stepped into the most popular sweet shop in town — House of Prem Sweets, which was founded by Pandit Lok Nath Khajuria in 1925. Here, we indulged in their *Paramparic Patisa*, a crisp and flaky, *ghee*-soaked sweet handcrafted from *besan*. This traditional delicacy, associated with all Indian festivals and festivities in the region, can be best described as an amalgam of *Mysore Pak* and *Son Papdi*, though its deliciousness is incomparable to either.

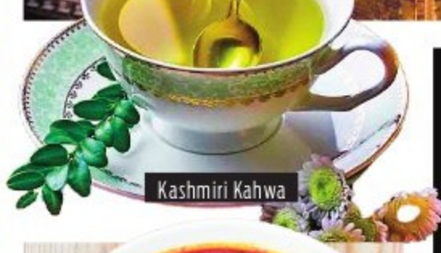
Patisa

This heritage shop sits amidst a bustling local market on the highway, where numerous food carts serve *Kalari Kulcha*, a beloved dish made with regional cheese called *Kalari*. This traditional ripened cheese, invented centuries ago by the nomadic Gujjar tribes to meet their nutritional needs during the summer months, is a cherished snack among the ethnic Dogras. Fried on the *tawa* and sandwiched between sliced *kulcha* with fresh onion rings, spices and local sauces, *Kalari Kulcha* is a delightful treat. Were we natives of this area, this would undoubtedly be our go-to *chai*-time snack.

On *chai*, we knew our getaway to Jammu would not be complete without trying the famous *Kashmiri Kahwa* Tea. Lucky for us, we were headed to a place where we were about to feast on celebrated dishes like *Khatta* Meat and a Sunday staple – *Rajma Chawal* besides the tea. Within no time we found ourselves lounging at Banana Leaf, a restaurant located in the lap of the beautiful Sanget Valley at Skyview by Empyrean. We suggest you first sip on a piping hot cup of green tea infused with local saffron, cinnamon, cardamom and Kashmiri rose before indulging in the sapid Mutton Curry famously prepared among the Dogra community and *Rajma Chawal*. If you are wondering what's so special about the latter then let us enlighten you — the Jammu *rajma* beans are said to be tastier than the *Lal* or *chitra rajma* as this variety leans more towards a slightly sweeter note. You can either call it a day or head out to explore Patnitop which is just a gondola ride away from this luxurious property.

Jumbo Zoo

Skyview by Empyrean



Kashmiri Kahwa

Khatta Meat

Kalari Kulcha

GOA CELEBRATES CHIKHAL KALO MUD FESTIVAL, THIS WEEK

The final leg of the festival begins today with an array of traditional activities besides a photography and reel making competition...

SRUSHTI KULKARNI

EARLIER this week, The *Department of Tourism in Goa* announced the *Chikhal Kalo Mud Festival 2024*, a unique celebration honouring Bal Krishna's childhood. This cultural programme took place on July 16 and 17 with the main *Chikhal Kalo* festivities scheduled for July 18 at the Shree Devki Krishna Temple in Marcel, Goa. For those unaware of this destination, Marcel is a small town 17 km from Panaji in Ponda taluk and about 3 kilometres from Banastari Bridge on the Panaji-Ponda road and it hosts temples dedicated to more than 15 deities of the Hindu pantheon.

With several grand and famous Krishna temples studded across India, what sets the Shree Devki Krishna Temple apart is the fact that this is the only temple in the country where Lord Krishna is worshipped alongside his mother, Devaki, as Devakikrishna. The temple's *garbha griha* (inner sanctum) features a beautifully carved black stone idol of Devaki with young Krishna standing between her legs. The main deities of this temple — Devakikrishna — accompanied by other affiliate deities such as Bhumika Devi, Laxmi Ravalnath, Mallinath, Katyayani, Chodaneshwar and Dhada Shankar were originally located on Choodamani Island (known as Chorao Island today). During the Portuguese Inquisition, they were relocated to Mayem in Bicholim and subsequently to their current location in Marcel.

The opening ceremony — concluded on July 16 — was graced by the Chief Minister of Goa, Pramod Sawant, as the chief guest along with other dignitaries including Rohan A Khaunte — Minister for Tourism Govind Gaude — Minister for Art & Culture and Sanjeev Ahuja – Secretary Tourism, among others. "Festivals like *Chikhal Kalo* are crucial in our efforts to boost cultural tourism and provide a deeper understanding of Goa's rich and diverse heritage," expressed Rohan A Khaunte.

The festival itinerary on the 16th included a *Cooking Competition*, followed by the *Ashadh Sari – Bhakti Sangeet* performed by Goan artistes and an *abhangwari* concert featuring renowned singer Mahesh Kale. On the 17th, a *bhajan* recital at the Shree Devki Krishna Temple, offered attendees a serene opportunity to immerse themselves in spiritual music and reflect on the cultural significance of the festival.

Today will mark the beginning of traditional *Chikhal Kalo* celebrations. Additionally, there will be a photography and reel making competition, encouraging participants to capture and creatively showcase the vibrant essence of the festival.

TRAVEL DIARY

RAFFLES HOTELS & RESORTS UNVEIL A NEW PROPERTY IN JAIPUR

This brand new majestic retreat is located a short drive away from the main attractions of the fabled 'Pink City' and encircled by the ancient Aravalli Hills. Hand-carved from pure white marble, Raffles Jaipur is a reimagined palace retreat exquisitely handcrafted by skilled artisans, blending Mughal and Rajputana architectural techniques. Creating a highly intimate experience, the hotel features 50 guestrooms and suites with expansive balconies offering outdoor soaking tubs or plunge pools. From the brand's legendary butler services to the plant-based culinary traditions of the *Zenana* and the Writers Bar serving botanical blends — guests can enjoy the traditional legacy of the queen's palace of the Mughal court at this hotel.

SITARA HIMALAYA BECOMES A MEMBER OF RELAIS & CHÂTEAUX

Last year, Anita Lal, founder of Good Earth, opened the doors to Sitara Himalaya, a private sanctuary at an altitude of 8,200 feet, 22.5 kms below the Rohtang Pass and on the way to the Buddhist valleys of Lahaul and Spiti. This retreat, offering ten elegant guestrooms, has been honoured to join the prestigious Relais & Châteaux family from India, becoming one of 11 new members globally to be part of this illustrious association. Relais & Châteaux invites guests to discover the fine art of living well and their passion for hospitality. Their goal is to safeguard biodiversity and culinary heritage, with members dedicated to protecting and promoting the wealth and diversity of the world's culinary and hospitality traditions, ensuring they continue to thrive.

First Asia-routed Disney Cruise Line to set sail from Singapore in 2025

Cruise through themed areas inspired by *Disney*, *Pixar* and *Marvel* movies to offer endless adventure on every voyage

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

Sailing next year from this popular island country in maritime Southeast Asia is the most-awaited Disney adventure that promises families throughout the region an iconic holiday at sea. The first Disney Cruise Line ship to homeport in Asia — Singapore — will be a destination itself, offering three and four-night voyages designed with magical days filled with all things *Disney*.

This themed cruise vacation will be both a journey and a destination, a voyage of luxury that brings to life *Disney*'s popular narratives. Through the magic of various fantasy worlds established by the American multinational mass media and entertainment conglomerate, passengers aboard will embark on a memorable voyage to seven uniquely themed areas, each teeming with dozens of their favourite characters and several curated experiences, without having to leave the ship.

Beginning with the Imagination Garden — an enchanted valley, charming garden and open-air performance venue. Inspired by adventures like Moana and Mowgli, followed by Discovery Reef, families will shop and dine in with aquatic characters and nautical stories from *The Little Mermaid, Lilo & Stitch, Finding Nemo* and *Luca*. The *Big Hero 6* plays muse for San Fransokyo Street, a family entertainment area boasting an assortment of interactive games and activities, cinemas and more. Serial chillers can head to The Wayfinder Bay sporting a poolside retreat. Walk up to the Town Square to meet the Disney royals featured in *Tangled, Cinderella* and *Frozen* while rejuvenating in the vicinity's lounges, cafes and restaurants. At Marvel Landing, one can experience imaginative representations of a guests' favourite Super Heroes and do visit play land and water play areas at Toy Story Place. Although details about the maiden voyage is yet to be announced, this adventure commencing from Marina Bay Cruise Centre is part of a collaboration between Disney Cruise Line and the *Singapore Tourism Board*.

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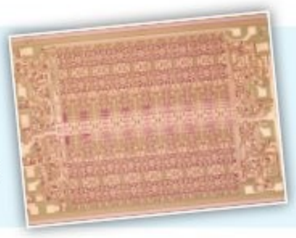
THE FOUNDERS

Robert and Gordon had been among the founders of Fairchild Semiconductors in 1957, and in the ensuing years they had found tremendous success

EARLY STAGE

For most of its first year the company focused exclusively on research and development, wanting to develop technologies no one else offered



FIRST PRODUCT

In April 1969, Intel introduced its first product, the 3101 static random-access memory (SRAM). The chip achieved twice the speed of the SRAMS

A curated guide to happenings in the city

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BEYOND THE BOUNDARY

The recent outcry from many Indian athletes about their lack of recognition compared to cricketers following India's T20 World Cup win has highlighted the deep-rooted disparities in how the country approaches cricket vs other sports, point out city-based athletes, coaches, and stakeholders

DESE GOWDA

THE euphoric celebrations that erupted after Team India's recent T20 World Cup victory, especially after finishing as runners-up in both the ODI and Test World Cups, showcased the nation's profound passion for cricket. This all-consuming passion, however, often leaves little room for other sports. Many athletes point out in the wake of the World Cup celebrations that while cricketers are already well-compensated and receive extensive recognition, athletes from other sports – badminton, wrestling, and athletics to name a few – often struggle for acknowledgment and support, despite achieving feats that can equal or even surpass a World Cup victory.

"Let's take badminton as an example, specifically the Thomas Cup, which is essentially its World Cup. India had never been able to field a team capable of beating the Indonesians or Chinese, who have dominated for years. Yet, when we won the Thomas Cup in 2022, it didn't receive the recognition it deserved, possibly because people didn't understand its significance compared to a cricket World Cup," says Deepthi Bopaiah, CEO of GoSports Foundation, a non-profit that supports talented athletes across various sports disciplines.

Vidya Pillai, India's first woman snooker world champion, knows the bittersweet taste of victory without recognition. "There is no greater joy than hearing the national anthem on the podium. It's a moment of pride not just for us, but for our countrymen worldwide," she says. "Forget cricket; compared to athletes in Olympic sports, we feel like second-class citizens. After I won the World Championship, despite making history as the first Indian woman to win a snooker world gold medal, there was no acknowledgment."

However, Bopaiah, emphasises that comparing cricket to other sports is unfair, given that there are significant underlying issues, including disparities in support systems that need to be tackled. "Cricket has built a robust system over the years since winning the World Cup in 1983, with the IPL, broadcasting, and sponsorships contributing to its growth. Comparing this to other sports where governance and systems are not as developed is unfair," she explains. "Raising funds and managing sponsors requires credibility and transparency. Many federations struggle with governance issues, which deter corporate sponsorship. Effective governance involves not just a vision but also execution, transparency, and putting athletes at the centre of development plans."

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Vidya Pillai, 2023 6-Red World snooker champion

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Nisha Millet, former Olympic swimmer

AN OPEN SECRET

Former Olympic swimmer-turned-coach Nisha Millet concurs. "The federations are still run by people who don't prioritise athletes' interests or have no clue about the sport they are supposed to be administering. The extensive corruption and lack of support are an open secret. I always advise brands to contact athletes directly rather than going through federations, as money intended for athletes often gets diverted," she says. "Meanwhile, athletes often don't continue into their late teens or early 20s because there's no funding or international exposure. Most drop out at 14-16, especially girls. Boys have a few job opportunities, but the overall support is lacking. There's a long way to go in terms of support for Olympic sports. While there are improvements, most efforts come from parents and coaches at the grassroots level. It has definitely improved in recent years, there's more exposure due to social media compared to the days I used to compete."

Silva Storai, director of Embassy International Riding School, which has become a hub for Indian equestrian hopefuls of international competitions, points out that funding is not the problem in recent years, but rather administration is a bottleneck. "In India, there is a significant disparity because cricket is one of the very few sports that has been developed professionally, largely due to the substantial money it attracts. This influx of money has raised the professionalism of cricket's administration, coaching, and other necessary aspects. In contrast, other sports are still managed by federations often run by politicians or famous personalities rather than focusing on athletes."

Sponsorships from private sectors and the government, she says, will only come with increased transparency and clear policies. "Currently, the lack of clarity and frequent changes, hinder growth. There is immense interest, talent, and potential sports other than cricket, like equestrian sports in India. With the right structure, transparent systems, and clear policies, government and private support will follow," she says.

KNOW YOUR CITY

Arun Prasad, city-based history researcher, unravels interesting facts about Bengaluru in this weekly quiz series. So it's time for you to find out how familiar you are with the city, beyond its heritage buildings, IT parks and the pub culture.

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THE RIGHT ANSWERS ARE

1) Kadu Malleswara Temple
2) St Mark's Cathedral
3) Hajee Sir Ismail Sait Masjid

FIRST THREE TO GET IT RIGHT

1) Umesh S
2) Raja M
3) Suresh K

Tunes of yearning

Musician Sanjith Hegde's latest Kannada song *Nange Allava* is a soulful melody that captures the essence of love and longing

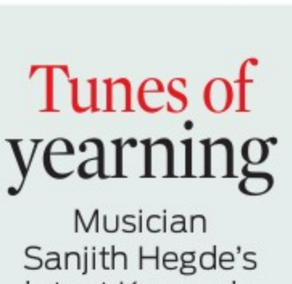
MONIKA MONALISA

SINGER **Sanjith Hegde**'s latest song *Nange Allava* is a heartfelt ode to love and the feeling of longing for the person you love the most. The melodious song makes you wish for a happy ending. Coming from a personal space, Hegde says that the song holds a special place and took some amount of convincing for him to release the song for others to listen. "This was one of the first songs that I wrote that allowed me to tell my story. It speaks of something that everybody goes through – when you meet people and sometimes you have to say goodbye to some of them in your life," says Hegde.

His last song *Gulaboo* was in Hindi, but for sensitive emotional songs like this, Hedge feels Kannada was suitable. "I express my feelings in Kannada, a language I am more comfortable in," he says.

The song has gotten almost 25 lakh views since its release in the last week of June with many able to relate to the emotions in the song. "The most beautiful part about writing music is that it can be perceived in a million different ways. As long as the song is finding its way into people's lives, I am happy...that is the point of making art," Hegde shares.

The track's video also features Sanjana Doss and was shot by cinematographer Bijoy Shetty. The lyrics were penned by Nagarjuna Sharma and Hegde. Hegde is currently writing his album. "I am dropping an EP around the end of August and an album in November," he shares.


A still from the song

City-based actor Shine Shetty discusses the one-of-a-kind anthology series *Ekam*, which tells seven diverse stories set in coastal Karnataka

Reflections FROM the sea

DESE GOWDA

ENTERTAINMENT has never been more abundant than it is today. Among the myriad media choices available, films and TV shows are the most prevalent. Yet, paradoxically, the sheer volume of content has led to more formulaic ideas and less experimentation. *Ekam*, a recently-released Kannada anthology web series, almost five years in the making, is swimming against the tide with gusto.

"This series is quite unique in Kannada. The stories are grounded in reality and may not have wide commercial appeal. It's definitely not for everybody; if you're purely looking for entertainment, it's not for you. But if you want something thought-provoking and relevant across different time periods, this series is for you. There is an audience for works like these, but unfortunately, most don't even recognise this audience exists," says actor **Shine Shetty**, who is part of the ensemble cast that includes Prakash Raj, Raj B Shetty, and Prakash Thumminad.

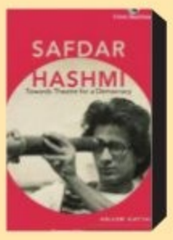
Created by Sandeep PS and Sumanth Bhat and backed by actor Rakshit Shetty's production house, Paramvah Studios, the series premiered last weekend on its own platform after being rejected by major OTT platforms. The series features seven anthology stories, all set in the coastal regions of Karnataka, exploring themes of joy, sorrow, identity crises, and the shared human experience. The stories incorporate elements of local folklore and mythological themes, with bhootaradhane (spirit worship) being one of the key motifs.

For Shine Shetty, the collaborative nature of the project was the most attractive aspect. "Having so many different creative people come together to tell these wonderful stories about the region where I am from was exciting. The particular story I am part of speaks about the women of my land," Shetty explains. "I enjoyed working with the team. All the stories in the series were shot individually, so I didn't get to interact with other stars in the series, but I did get to work with some great actors, most of whom were from a theatre background, which was exciting. Watching the subtlety with which they perform their craft and the way my directors managed to extract such performances was truly enjoyable. It also allowed for spontaneous improvisation, which I think worked better with the story I was part of," he shares.

Comparing this project to his previous work in TV shows and films, including the 2022 blockbuster *Kantara*, Shetty notes, "This project was different in its approach. It was very subtle and natural, which aligns with the kind of projects and filmmakers I have always wanted to work with. Hence, I didn't have to change my acting approach for this project. In contrast, I have had to adjust my approach in the past."

Shetty stresses that the show is for a broad audience, despite the local stories. "This show is for everyone, not just Kannadigas. It talks about my land but is relatable to a broader audience. Even if someone doesn't understand the local dialects of Kannada, they can still appreciate it, just the way people enjoy Korean dramas without knowing the language," he adds.

BOOK NOOK



Safdar Hashmi: Towards Theatre for a Democracy

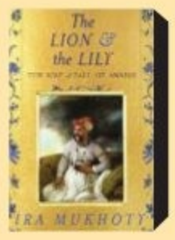
By Anjum Katyal

The author brings together sources ranging from detailed interviews to writings by and on Safdar, as well as critical pieces on Janam's theatre.

The Hormone Shift: A Decade-by-Decade Guide

By Dr Tasneem Bhatia

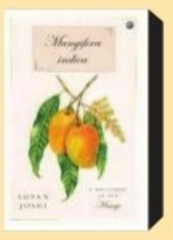
The book offers a new approach to taking charge of our hormone shifts through every stage of life.



The Lion and The Lily: The Rise and Fall of Awadh

By Ira Mukhoty

It is a nuanced, detailed, and richly told account of the rise and fall of Awadh in the eighteenth century against the background of the international struggle between Britain and France.



Mangifera indica: A Biography of the Mango

By Sopan Joshi

The book goes beyond the well-trodden stories of the obsessions of Nawabs and kings and breathless annual debates about the best mangoes in the world.

STYLE SHOWCASE

Students from Army Institute of Fashion and Design display their annual design collection during the graduation day celebration on Tuesday | GAYATRI SREEKESH

QUICKFIX

VEGETABLE UTTAPAM

Contributed by **Chandhini Reddy**, Hyderabad

INGREDIENTS

- **Dosae batter:** 1 cup
- **Water:** 1/4 cup
- **Onion:** 1
- **Tomato:** 1
- **Green chilli:** 1
- **Coriander**
- **Oil:** 2 tsp
- **Salt to taste**

METHOD

- In a bowl, mix two cups of dosae batter with water to get a thick consistency.
- Finely chop the onion, tomato, green chilli, and coriander. Mix them and salt with the batter.
- Heat a non-stick pan over medium heat. Lightly grease it with oil.
- Pour the batter onto the pan. Spread it evenly.
- Cook until golden brown. Flip and cook the other side.
- Serve hot with chutney.

MISS-FIT

Wanitha Ashok

The writer is a Fit India Movement Ambassador and celebrity fitness coach

I am a 48-year-old man facing hairfall issues and low libido levels. Does working out and eating a high-protein diet increase testosterone?

Resistance training and a high-protein diet can help boost testosterone levels, which is beneficial for overall health and fitness. However, excessive testosterone levels above the normal range can lead to hair loss and low libido due to an imbalance in hormone levels. Other factors for hair loss could be genetics, hormonal imbalance, stress levels, sleep quality, low haemoglobin, insufficient protein intake, and hair hygiene.

Insufficient sleep affects testosterone levels. Rest and sleep keep cortisol, the stress hormone, under control and help in the optimal production of testosterone. If the stress levels are high, then testosterone will drop, and this can impact fertility and intimacy. It is advisable to consult your physician to monitor testosterone levels.

ASK AN XPERT

FITBIT

TADASANA PAVAN MUKTASANA ARMS RAISED (STANDING WIND RELEASE POSE ARMS RAISED)

This is a combination of Tadasana and Pawanmuktasana. It's a standing beginners' pose that enhances the balancing capacity of a person. It has the benefits of both the base poses, Tadasana and Pawanamuktasana, of Hatha Yoga. It strengthens the legs, knees, and ankles and tones the gluteus. It gives a deep stretch to the arms, sides of the torso, and armpits.

STEPS

- Stand in Tadasana and take a couple of breaths.
- Stand with your spine erect, relaxed shoulders, and chin kept parallel to the ground.
- Firmly ground your legs, with your feet kept close. Keep your legs straight.
- Place your arms on the sides of your body. Breathe.
- Ground all four corners of your left foot. Now inhale and lift your right foot. Bend it and hold it close to your abdomen and chest. Lock it with your palms.
- Breathe naturally.
- Slowly raise your arms, with your hands touching the ears and your elbows kept straight.
- Stretch your upper body, lengthen your spine, and keep your arms parallel to each other. Look up.
- Put the right foot down. Get back to Tadasana for a few breaths. Bring your arms down.
- Inhale and lift your left leg, bend it, and bring it close to your abdomen. Lock it with your palms.
- Breathe naturally.
- Slowly raise your arms, with your elbows kept straight. Ensure that your hands aren't touching your ears.
- Stretch your upper body and lengthen your spine, with your arms kept parallel to each other. Look up.
- Gently drop your head back to look at your hands.
- Remain in the pose for about 3-4 breaths.
- Release and get back to Tadasana.
- Relax and repeat. If possible, try to hold the pose longer.

BENEFITS

- Stretches the arms, armpits, shoulders, and muscles of the back and abdomen.
- Strengthens the calf muscles, knees, glutes, and legs.
- Tones the hips and outer thighs.
- Lengthens the torso and upper body.
- Enhances the flexibility of the upper body.
- Increases the flexibility and efficiency of the intercostal muscles.
- Enhances the functioning of the cardiopulmonary system.
- Effective for the lungs and the heart.
- Enhances focus and concentration.
- Enhances the body's stability.
- Acts as a transition pose to move smoothly into Virabhadrasana III.
- Energises the lower body and relaxes the upper body.
- Aids with the detoxification of gases and impurities in the digestive tract.
- Helps with constipation and IBD syndrome (irregular bowel syndrome).
- Stimulates the digestive organs and the reproductive system.
- Improves metabolism and circulation to the endocrine glands like the testes and ovaries.
- Stretches the arms and armpits.
- Activates the lymph nodes under the armpits and shoulders.
- Balances the Chakras — Third Eye (Ajna), Sacral Chakra (Swadisthana), and Root Chakra (Muladhara).

LIMITATIONS

- Students who have undergone surgeries or have injuries to their knees, ankles, shoulders, hips, or spine, or have weak legs, ankles, or shoulders, abdominal hernia, vertigo, HBP or migraine, avoid this pose. Senior citizens and pregnant women shouldn't practise this pose.
- Those who lack body-breath connection can do this with a wall support under the guidance of a yoga expert.

By N Elumalai, PhD Scholar (Yoga Science) at Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education & Research, Chennai

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WHATWHENWHYWHERE

Culinary Symphony

Indulge in a fusion of authentic Kashmiri and Mongolian cuisine at the the Kashmir meets Rangoon Food Fest this July, with highlights like mutton roganjosh, chicken yakhni, and Burmese meat biryani along with delightful desserts.

When: Till July 25, 7pm onwards
Where: MCafe, Bengaluru Marriott Hotel Whitefield
Details: 87791 80953

Comedy Play

Watch the hilarious Kannada comedy play *Beg Borrow Aliya*, centered around the concept of 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam', which emphasises the idea of a united family. The play follows Vishwa and Vishalu as they navigate their daughter's wedding plans amidst comedic twists, including a murder investigation.

When: July 21, 5pm
Where: Dr C Ashwath Kalabhavana, NR Colony
Details: bookmyshow.com

Laughter Fest

Enjoy a comedy competition night featuring 10 participants facing challenges in stand-up, improv, and set list rounds. Watch new comedians in the city compete for the best.

When: July 18, 10.15pm
Where: The Underground Comedy Club, Koramangala
Call: 93807 59398

Jukebox Beats

Join this jukebox session for a night of vibrant Punjabi dance music and Bollywood electronic beats. Enjoy complimentary drinks for ladies and dance the night away.

When: July 18, 9.30pm
Where: FLO Church Street, Shanthala Nagar
Details: bookmyshow.com

Dance for a Cause

Attend a classical dance recital by Manimaran Ilangovan and his disciples, presented by Mani Nata Raja Nrithya Pradhesham. Enjoy vibrant Bharatanatyam and elegant Mohiniyattam while supporting animal welfare, with 50 per cent of funds raised donated to the cause.

When: July 20, 7pm
Where: Atta Galatta, Indiranagar
Call: 96325 10126

Game Night

Revisit childhood nostalgia at game night, where friendly competition reigns supreme. Compete in various house party games with twists, aiming to top the leaderboard and win a special prize.

When: July 18, 7pm
Where: The Coffee Brewery, Koramangala
Call: 78928 54489

Healing Together

Join this support group to navigate healing. Share experiences and find support in dealing with aggressive, intimidating behaviour, bullying, and manipulation. Connect with others who understand and support your journey to recovery.

When: July 19, 6.30pm
Where: Slay Coffee, Koramangala
Details: bookmyshow.com

ARTCORNER

DIVINE SPLENDOUR

Artist Jai Khanna's natural colour on cloth artwork depicts Lord Guruvayoorappan with Garuda bowing before him, surrounded by seven heavenly levels of flowers and celestial beings, part of an exhibition which is on at Gallery G, Lavelle Road, until August 15

A SHOT IN THE ARM

Sudha Murty's recent plea in the Rajya Sabha for govt-backed cervical cancer vaccination highlights India's need for awareness. Here are some pointers to face up to the big C

DR PRATIMA RAJ

PHILANTHROPIST and author Sudha Murty's maiden speech at Rajya Sabha, where she called for a government-supported vaccination programme to combat cervical cancer, has thrown light on the critical need for cervical cancer prevention in India. Her speech has also raised curiosity among the general public on what cervical cancer is, why we should be concerned, and how vaccination helps combat the challenge.

Cervical cancer is the cancer of the cervix, the part that connects the vagina and uterus. According to a recent cancer survey, it is the fourth most common cancer among women globally. Every year approximately 6,00,000 women are diagnosed with cervical cancer, with 60-70 per cent succumbing to the disease.

Sudha Murty giving her speech in the Rajya Sabha

Stigma surrounding cervical cancer

Although cervical cancer is prevalent and is curable if detected at early stages, lack of awareness about cervical cancer, social stigma, and misinformation often prevent women from seeking timely medical advice. Most often, the early symptoms, including postcoital bleeding, irregular periods, bleeding between periods, abnormal discharge, post-menopausal bleeding, and in advanced cases lower back pain, limb swelling, bladder and bowel-related symptoms, breathing difficulties either go unnoticed or disregarded as something of no serious concern. This ignorance contributes to late diagnoses and curability affecting the chances of survival.

Cervical cancer is mostly caused by human papillomavirus (HPV) infection. Not all who have the infection will develop cancer, but here are a few risk factors that have been identified and established as high-risk for developing cervical cancer. These include indulging in sexual activity from a very young age, having multiple sexual partners or a partner with other Sexually Transmitted Infections (STI), immunocompromised state, smoking, and long-term use of oral contraceptives.

Also, HPV infection not only causes cervical cancer but also penile cancer in men, oropharyngeal and anogenital cancers in both men and women. Hence, HPV vaccination can prevent many other cancers caused by the HPV virus.

Cervical cancer is largely preventable with the HPV vaccination and routine screening with pap smears and HPV DNA testing and it is curable if detected early. Murty's plea for a government-backed vaccination campaign aligns with what specialists have long recommended. It is highly advised that girls and boys between the ages of nine and 14 receive the vaccine, as it is most effective when given ideally before one is sexually active. It can also be extended to men and women between the ages of 26-45 years. By targeting HPV, the vaccine dramatically lowers the chance of developing cervical cancer.

Why is vaccination the need of the hour?

Western countries have been practising cervical cancer vaccination drive for over two decades now, which has been significantly successful in combating the cancer burden. This highlights its potential benefits in India as well. A government-supported vaccination programme enabling reduced vaccine cost will make it accessible to a broader demographic thereby, saving countless lives.

Now is the time we prioritise cervical health, break the societal stigma, educate the public, and implement effective vaccination programmes to safeguard the future of our girls, boys, men, and women. Prevention is indeed better than cure, and it is our moral obligation to take proactive measures with initiatives that help reduce cervical cancer incidence and save countless lives.

(The writer is associate consultant - gynaecologic oncology, Manipal Hospital Old Airport Road, Bengaluru)

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RAIN CHECK

Celebrity nutritionist Rujuta Diwekar's guide to staying healthy this monsoon season

EXPRESS FEATURES

ARE people around you 'under the weather' lately? The damp and humid environment creates a breeding ground for bacteria and viruses, leading to an increase in common illnesses like colds and flu. Celebrity nutritionist **Rujuta Diwekar** in her audiobook, *Eating in The Age of Dieting* on Audible, elaborates on how maintaining good health during the monsoon is easier than we think. Here are five foods that she recommends

SPICED-UP CHAI

With monsoon comes the desire to sit by the window sipping a hot cup of tea. Add ginger and tulsi for digestion and immunity; add lemongrass to prevent bloating and congestion; add black pepper or cinnamon to improve insulin sensitivity.

INDIGENOUS PRODUCE

"The soil during the rains is not suitable for growing green leafy vegetables, and therefore we shift to creepers like bottle gourd, pumpkin, bitter gourd, ridge gourd and root vegetables like sweet potato, elephant foot yam and purple yam. The exception to this rule is the wild and uncultivated greens that shoot up during the season like roselle plant, dragon stalk yam, fiddlehead fern, to name a few," she says.

NUTRIENT-RICH GRAINS AND MILLETS

When it comes to monsoons, Diwekar recommends nachini. "You can eat it as porridge, bhakhri or even a papad," she says. Additionally, she suggests seasonal substitutes in place of multigrain breads, attas and biscuits.

PULSES

Diwekar sheds light on a fascinating tradition: during monsoons, Indians historically substituted meat and fish with carefully-dried and stored pulses from the summer months. These became a source of protein, vitamins, minerals, and even fibre during the season. "The best ones turn into usals, the next grains to dals, the one after that to vadis that can be cooked as sabzi and is often a mix of many pulses and papads. You must incorporate two important pulses in your meals this season: horsegram, and Goa beans, great for skin and hair," she says.

BHAJIYAS WITH A HEALTHY TWIST

As the monsoon brings their earthy petrichor scent, cravings for comforting foods naturally arise. Talking about the season's speciality, 'deep-fried bhajiyas', she says, "Use filtered groundnut, mustard or coconut oils, and don't reuse the oil for cooking afterwards. Without essential fats in the diet, vitamin D cannot be assimilated. Essential fats also help in regulating blood sugar. So apart from being tasty, deep-fried pakoras are healthy too, for everyone, heart patients, obese and diabetics included. Eat them without fear and with the confidence that you know when to stop eating."

NUGGETS

Free pranic healing camp in Malleswaram

The Yoga Vidya Pranic Healing Foundation of Karnataka is organising a free pranic healing camp on July 21, from 9am to 5pm at the Government Girls PU College in Malleswaram. This camp aims to offer pranic healing treatments, which use prana to balance, harmonise, and transform the body's energy processes. Participants can seek treatment for various physical ailments such as backache, shoulder pain, neck pain, knee pain, blocked nose, and frequent headaches. Additionally, the camp will address emotional issues, including anger, stress, anxiety, poor sleep, and relationship issues. Pranic healing is a no-touch, no-drug healing process that leverages the body's innate energy. For more details, call 9900512741

OTHERS

THANKSGIVING

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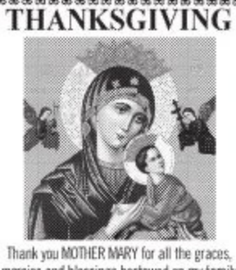

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JOSEPH T & TREESA JOSEPH

THANKSGIVING

Thank you for blessings and favours granted. Seek your blessings always.
PUNIT, SHOBHA, NARESH

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CHANGE OF NAME

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I, **PRANJAL BASAVARAJ SHASTRY,** age 18 years, S/o Basavaraj Shastry, R/at No. 559, 11th Cross, 3rd Main, 2nd Stage, West of Chord Road, Mahalakshmipuram, Bengaluru-560 086 do hereby declare that all the names i.e. **PRANJAL BASAVARAJA SHASTRI** and **PRANJAL BASAVARAJ SHASTRY** are one and the same and refers to me only, now I have changed my name to **PRANJAL BASAVARAJ SHASTRY,** and I declare that my mother correct name as **VEENA BASAVARAJ** and my father correct name as **BASAVARAJ SHASTRY,** vide affidavit dated 16-7-2024, sworn before Advocate and Notary **ONKARAPPA .N.R** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **APARNA**, residing at # 5 1st Road, Defence Layout Bengaluru - 560097 have changed my name to **APARNA SWAMY**, vide affidavit dated 29-11-2019 sworn before notary D. Saralakumari, Reg. No:10192, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **(OLD NAME) VENKATASAMY,** Father of NO.JC-314547M NB/SUB MARIKANNAN.V, Residing at House NO#266/2, Weavers Colony, Pudupallayam (Vill), Rajapallayam (Post & Tehsil), Virudhunagar (Dist), TAMIL NADU (State), PIN: 626108, Have Changed My Name to **(NEW NAME) VENKITASAMY VENKITASAMY** and **DOB** from **30.01.1959** to **05.06.1954** Vide Affidavit Dated 15.07.2024 Sworn Before Notary GANGARAJU.B.N BANGALORE

CHANGE OF NAME

I, SERVICE NO JC-312699P SUB K MADHAIYAN Residing at House No 319, Om Sakthi Nagar, Samalpatti (Post), Uthangarai (TK), Krishnagiri (Dist), TAMIL NADU (State), PIN:635306, Have Changed My Daughter Name **(OLD NAME) SUGANYA** to **(NEW NAME) SUGANYA M** And Son **(OLD NAME) M GOVINDARAJ** to **(NEW NAME) GOVINDARAJ M** Vide Affidavit Dated 15.07.2024 Sworn Before Notary GANGARAJU.B.N BANGALORE

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **Jayanna Veerathappa**, aged about 52 years, S/o. Veerathappa, resident of No. 9, 2nd 'A' Main, 3rd Cross, Venkatadri Layout, Doresanipalya, Bengaluru-560076, Karnataka, India, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **Jayanna V** to **Jayanna Veerathappa**, vide affidavit dated 15.07.2024, sworn to before Devika Kumari, Advocate & Notary Public, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **NIRMALA MATHEW,** W/O C T Mathew, Residing at, #106/107, Bethel Garden, 7th Cross, Manjunatha Layout, Munnekolala, Marathahalli, Bangalore - 560037, I declare that below mentioned names **NIRMALA MATHEW, NIRMALA MARY V** and **NIRMALA MARY MATHEW** all are belong to me only and one and the same person. I declare that in future I will be continuing my name as **NIRMALA MATHEW** in all my document and records, vide affidavit dated 16/7/2024 sworn to before K.V.Jagannath Reddy advocate and notary Bangalore

AFFIDAVIT

I, **CHINTADA HEMALATA,** W/o. Service No.15349427Y Rank HAV Govindarao Chintada, resident at Door No. 38-20-19/3, Village, 104 Area Tehsil, Gopalapatnam Post, Marripalem, Dist, Visakhapatnam, State Andhra Pradesh-530018, presently serving at Army Digital Mapping Centre, Near Ayyapa Temple, Banaswadi, Bangalore-560033, in my husband's service record my name has been mentioned as **HEMALATHA CHINTADA** which in my name and Date of Birth: **22/03/1990** is incorrect, Whereas in my Aadhaar Card and Pan Card my name and Date of Birth has been written as **CHINTADA HEMALATA,** date of birth: **08/10/1990** which is my correct name and date of birth. **CHINTADA HEMALATA** and **HEMALATA CHINTADA** both are one and same person. Kindly consider my name as **CHINTADA HEMALATA** and Correct date of birth as **08/10/1990.** vide affidavit Dated **08/07/2024** sworn to before Notary Y.R. Chandrasekar, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **BASAVARAJ SHASTRY,** S/o Chandrashekar Shastry, age 56 years, R/at No. 32198, Prestige Apartment, Jindal City, Near Nagasandra Metro Station, Bengaluru-560 073 do hereby declare that all the names i.e. **S. BASAVARAJ, BASAVRAJ CHANDRASHEKAR SHASTRY** and **BASAVARAJA SHASTRI** are one and the same and refers to me only, now I have changed my name as **BASAVARAJ SHASTRY,** vide affidavit dated 9-7-2024, sworn before Advocate and Notary **ONKARAPPA .N.R** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Smt. Kothapalli Lakshmidevi, W/o. Kothapalli Obulapathi, No. 13/B, 12th Cross, Veerabhadreshwara Nagar, Prasanna Layout, Mahadeshwara Nagar Main Road, Herohalli Cross, Bangalore North, Bengaluru - 560 091, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **Anusuya R.M** to **Kothapalli Lakshmidevi** vide affidavit dated 16.7.2024 sworn to before C. Venkatapathy, Advocate & Notary, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **(OLD NAME) LOKA S** Mother of NO 16122401M NK KARTHI.S Residing at Thathanavalasai (vill), Bommikuppam (post), Tirupattur (Tk & Dist), TAMIL NADU (state), PIN: 635653 Have Changed My Name to **(NEW NAME) LOGA** And **DOB** from **03.02.1969** to **14.02.1970** Vide Affidavit Dated 15.07.2024 Sworn Before Notary GANGARAJU .B.N BANGALORE.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **(OLD NAME) R GIRIJA,** Spouse of NO. 15305351K EX SPR RAMESH.N, Residing at House NO. 3693, Amarawathy Nagar, Bangarpet (Vill & Post), Bangarpet (Tehsil), Kolar (Dist), KARNATAKA (State), PIN: 563114, Have Changed My Name to **(NEW NAME) GIRIJA K,** Vide Affidavit Dated 11.07.2024 Sworn Before Notary MEER HASSAN BANGALORE.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Mr. Bharathi Gunaraj Raja Gunaraj, aged about 43 years, Son of Gunaraj, residing at Ozone Evergreen, E Block, E1111, Haralur Road, HSR Layout, Bangalore -560102 have changed my son's name from NIKHIL to NIKHIL RAJA vide affidavit dated: 17.07.2024 sworn to before advocate and notary B.M. Chandrashekar, Bangalore

DECLARATION

My name in my adhar card is **SURESH KUMAR BEHERA** S/o Late PURNANANDA BEHERA born on **05th April 1979.** By Mistake in my PNB METLIFE Insurance policy bond no-21369719 My name has been mentioned as **SURESH KUMAR BEHURA** & Date of Birth as **10th August 1977.** I hereby declare that both the name SURESH KUMAR BEHURA and SURESH KUMAR BEHERA are one & the Same & belongs to same person.. Vide affidavit dated 15th Jul 2024 sworn in before notary C.V.EARAPPA.

AFFIDAVIT

I, **Service No. 15349427Y** RANK, HAV GOVINDARAO CHINTADA, resident at Door No. 38-20-19/3, Village, 104 Area Tehsil, Gopalapatnam Post, Marripalem District, Visakapatnam, State Andhra Pradesh-530018. I am serving as HAV in Army Digital Mapping Centre, Near Ayyapa Temple, Banaswadi, Bangalore-560033. In my service records at Indian Army, my Daughter's name has been mentioned as **CHINTADA** which in incorrect name, whereas in Aadhaar Card and School Certificate my Daughter's name has been written as **CHINTADA CHARANYA** which in correct name and also her Date of Birth **08.03.2013** and true and correct name of my Daughter is **CHINTADA CHARANYA** and the Date of Birth is **08.03.2013** vide affidavit Dated 06.07.2024 sworn to before Notery Uday Kumar K. Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **VEENA BASAVARAJ SHASTRY,** W/o Basavaraj Shastry, age 53 years, R/at No. 559, 11th Cross, 3rd Main, 2nd Stage, West of Chord Road, Mahalakshmipuram, Bengaluru-560 086 do hereby declare that all the names i.e. **VEENA BASAVARAJ SHASTRY, VEENA BASAVARAJA SHASTRI** and **VEENA BASAVARAJ** are one and the same and refers to me only, now I have changed my name as **VEENA BASAVARAJ SHASTRY,** vide affidavit dated 9-7-2024, sworn before Advocate and Notary **ONKARAPPA .N.R** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **(OLD NAME) AJITH KUMAR,** Brother of NO 16114293Y HAV KANAGARAJ M, Residing at Door NO 2-158, Church street, Sangupatti, Thiruvengadam, Sankarankoil, Tirunelveli (Dist), TAMIL NADU (state), PIN:627719, Have Changed My Name to **(NEW NAME) AJITHKUMAR,** And **DOB** from **25.07.1996** to **04.03.1996,** Vide Affidavit Dated 15.07.2024 Sworn Before Notary GANGARAJU.B.N BANGALORE.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **(OLD NAME) SELVAM M** Father of NO 16122401M NK KARTHI.S Residing at Thathanavalasai (vill), Bommikuppam (post), Tirupattur (Tk & Dist), TAMIL NADU (state), PIN: 635653 Have Changed My Name to **(NEW NAME) SELVAM** And **DOB** from **22.06.1964** to **15.01.1965** Vide Affidavit Dated 15.07.2024 Sworn Before Notary GANGARAJU .B.N BANGALORE.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **(OLD NAME) BALASOUNDARY** Spouse of NO JC-312699P SUB K MADHAIYAN Residing at House No 319, Om Sakthi Nagar, Samalpatti (post), Uthangarai (TK), Krishnagiri (Dist), TAMIL NADU (state), PIN:635306, Have Changed My Name to **(NEW NAME) M BALASOUNDARI** Vide Affidavit Dated 15.07.2024 Sworn Before Notary GANGARAJU.B.N BANGALORE

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **MANJUSHA MADHUSUDHAN RADHA (MANJUSHA M R), aged 44 years, wife of Suresh Mandale residing at No.1358, Mookambika Vihar, Nyanapanahalli road, Begur, Bangalore-560068 have changed my name to MANJUSHA SURESH Vide affidavit dated: 17.07.2024 sworn to before Advocate and Notary Dharani .P, Bangalore**

NAME CONFIRMATION

I, M GNANENDRA DADHICH S/o. Muralidhar Sharma aged about 44 years, residing at No. 833/1, Sri Rama Temple Street, Haveli Mohalla, Kolar 563101. KARNATAKA, INDIA, swear that My name is M GNANENDRA DADHICH which is correctly mentioned in my Aadhar Card, Passport, Pan Card, Driving license. but, in my Son (CHIRAG G) School Documents My Name in Father's place has been mentioned as GNANENDRA DADICH. I swear that both the names GNANENDRA DADICH and M GNANENDRA DADHICH pertains to my name only. Vide affidavit Dated : 16-07-2024 before Notary Manjunatha V. Kolar

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **Vimukthanjali Puttamadaiah Mahadev** W/o Sri Avinash Vasistha, R/o No.60, 1st Main Road, Judicial Layout, RMV II Stage, Bangalore-560094, have changed my name from **Vimukthanjali Puttamadaiah Mahadev** to **Vimuktha Anjalimahadev Avinash** vide affidavit dated 15/07/2024 before Notary **B.Chitra,** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **(OLD NAME) V RUKUMANI,** Mother of NO JC-314547M NB/SUB MARIKANNAN.V, Residing at House NO#266/2, Weavers Colony, Pudupallayam (Vill), Rajapallayam (Post & Tehsil), Virudhunagar (Dist), TAMIL NADU (State), PIN: 626108, Have Changed My Name to **(NEW NAME) RUKKUMANI VENKITASAMY** and **DOB** from **30.01.1961** to **04.11.1956** Vide Affidavit Dated 15.07.2024 Sworn Before Notary GANGARAJU.B.N BANGALORE

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **(OLD NAME) LAWANYA** Daughter of NO JC-312699P SUB K MADHAIYAN Residing at House No 319, Om Sakthi Nagar, Samalpatti (post), Uthangarai (Tk), Krishnagiri (Dist), TAMIL NADU (state), PIN:635306, Have Changed My Name to **(NEW NAME) LAVANYA M** Vide Affidavit Dated 15.07.2024 Sworn Before Notary GANGARAJU .B.N BANGALORE

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **RASHMI MOHANDAS ALVA,** aged 47 years, residing at No. A 103, 1st Floor, Sidvin Grace Apartment, N G E F Layout, Mallathahalli, Bengaluru-560056, have changed my name from **RASHMI HEGGADE R.** to **RASHMI MOHANDAS ALVA** vide affidavit dated: 17-07-2024 sworn before Notary **B.A. LAKSHMINARAYANA RAO,** BENGALURU.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **KHURSHID IMAM,** aged about 42 years, S/o. Akhtar Imam, residing at A-109, NR Windgate, Sampigehalli Road, Chokanahalli, Jakkur, Yelahanka, Bengaluru-560 064. Hereby declare that, I have changed my minor daughter's name from **'RUMAYSA TAYYEBA IMAM** alias **RUMAYASA IMAM'** to **"RUMAYASA TAYYEBA",** vide Affidavit dated 13.07.2024, Sworn before Advocate and Notary A.C. Subbu Swamy, Bangalore.

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'COMMERCIAL ENTERTAINERS BRING IN FAN MOMENTS AND REACH A WIDE AUDIENCE'

says Rajavardan, who discusses his first mass outing, *Hiranya*, ahead of its release and explains how the rules of commercial entertainers have evolved over time

A still from the film

A SHARADHAA

RAJAVARDAN has always aspired to become a commercial hero. Despite beginning his career with the historical film *Bicchugatti: Chapter 1 – Dalvayi Dange* and later transitioning into romantic drama with *Pranayam*, he has now found his niche in commercial entertainers. His latest film, *Hiranya*, set to release in July 19, marks this exciting new phase in his career.

"Since childhood, although my father, Dingri Nagaraj, excelled in comedy and character roles, I have always felt that commercial entertainers are most celebrated," Rajavardan shares. "Growing up, I learnt that these films bring in fan moments and reach a wide audience. When I had to make my entry, I had to go with what filmmakers wanted to see me in, and that's how *Bicchugatti:* and *Pranayam* happened. However, from now on, I will only go with commercial subjects," he adds.

Rajavardan believes that the essence of commercial films has evolved over time. "Commercial films have a mass appeal because the audience, especially in B and C centers, sees heroes in roles they can't place themselves in reality. However, these films go beyond action and fights; they need solid content to connect with the audience," he explains. "Having said that, too much content can be overwhelming, and only a mass hero can balance it."

In Hiranya, Rajavardan plays a gangster role with a negative shade. "Instead of choosing to play a villain in another language film, I felt it was better to play a role with a negative shade in my own film. This is a fresh subject for me—a story about a contract killer, a cruel man without emotions, who can react and kill with animal-like behaviour. The story unfolds in around five days, showing how he handles situations, especially when a baby enters his life. Will he change, and will he be allowed to change?" Rajavardan ponders.

Despite the dark themes, Rajavardan is clear about the film's purpose. "There is nothing we intend to preach through this film. Even when elderly people preached, including great leaders like Mahatma Gandhi and Nehru, their speeches did not change society's life. So a two-hour film cannot change anybody's mindset. Cinema should stick to its entertainment value and be worth the amount people pay."

The film, produced by Vigneshwar and Vijay Kumar under the Vedas Infinite Pictures banner, features Rihana, former *Bigg Boss* contestant Divya Suresh, Huli Karthik, Arvind Rao, and Dilip Shetty in pivotal roles. Discussing the challenge of working with newcomer Prawin Avyukth, Rajavardan praises the director's vision. "The one-liner that he narrated worked well. He is experienced with short films and brought a compelling story, and the producers, though first-timers, believed in the storyline."

As *Hiranya* prepares to be released alongside half a dozen other films, Rajavardan remains optimistic. "It is a production call. In the Kannada industry, there are either series of films or no films. When six to eight films release simultaneously, every filmmaker's effort culminates on one Friday, and only the best will stand out," he signs off confidently.

Rajavardan

Roopanthara locks release date

CE FEATURES

RAJ B SHETTY'S starrer *Roopanthara,* set to hit theatres on July 26. Directed by Mithilesh Edavalath, the film unfolds through five intricately linked narratives, each intersecting with the others, that delve deep into the essence of human hope. The director describes it as a tale where characters' paths converge, showcasing how one person's choices can reverberate through others' lives. The film, presented by Raj B Shetty's Lighter Buddha Films, who is distributing the film, has already captured attention with its unique and compelling trailer release.

"We crafted Roopanthara not just to meet market demands but to transcend them," Raj B Shetty reflects thoughtfully. "In this film, I step solely into the actor's shoes, contributing minimally to the dialogue. It's a narrative that explores profound transformations among its ensemble cast, a collaborative effort that I cherish."

Producer Suhan Prasad, who previously backed Shetty's debut *Ondu Motteya Kathe,* emphasises the film's broader appeal despite its origins: "While the saying goes that Mangaloreans make films for Mangaloreans, *Roopanthara* was shaped in Bangalore, featuring a diverse cast from various backgrounds."

The trailer has already garnered acclaim, as Balakrishna Arvanakar, the executive director, notes with pride. The film has cinematography by Pravin Shriyan and music by Midhun Mukundan.

A still from the film

Team *Roopanthara*

DHANUSH KUMAR MARKS HIS DEBUT WITH *MADDY*

Dhanush Kumar

CE FEATURES

Dhanush Kumar, a dedicated fan of actor Shivarajkumar, is set to make his acting debut in *Maddy*. He credits director Chetan Kumar as his mentor. The film recently had a grand launch event, with politicians HM Revanna and Umapathy Srinivas Gowda in attendance.

Describing his role as "a kind of madness," Dhanush notes that this unique gangster film requires him to train extensively in dance, fighting, and acting. Director Chetan Kumar, who also wrote the lyrics for the promotional song, shares, "Dhanush Kumar has been a close friend for ten years, and director Nagabhushan has worked as a co-director for many years." He adds, "The song 'Joru Joru Sikkapatte Joru' evolved beautifully through six versions. I only sang the track, and the team has now released it using the final version." Aditi Sagar has also lent her voice to the promotional song.

Director Nagabhushan shared that *Maddy* is the result of 15 years of his hard work and childhood dreams. He talked about the extensive planning and continuous effort that he has put over the past four years that led to the release of the promotional song and highlighted the importance of the banner, title, and hero introduction.

This gangster story is being filmed in Bengaluru, North Karnataka, and Kolar, blending action, love, and family drama. On the technical team, *Maddy* has cinematography by Lavith, editing by Vijay Kumar, and features five songs, with music composed by Dharmavish.

'I NEVER TAKE REFERENCE FROM OTHER FILMS'

Nawazuddin Siddiqui on how less is more, what 25 years in the industry has taught him, and Gangs of Wasseypur

SHREYAS PANDE

Nawazuddin Siddiqui was recently seen in ZEE5's murder mystery Rautu Ka Raaz, where he played the role of a cop investigating a murder in a sleepy hill town. The film is directed by Anand Surapur, who had previously helmed The Fakir of Venice (2009). Nawazuddin had known Anand for a long time, having worked with him on some music videos. So, when he was approached with the script of Rautu Ka Raaz, what struck Nawazuddin was the slowness embedded in it. "It was like a leisurely composed murder mystery set in a village where no crime has happened," he says.

We speak to the acclaimed actor on bringing nuance to the police characters in his films, why he has lost hope in Bollywood and of course, Gangs of Wasseypur:

Excerpts:

Nawaz, you have played cop characters before, be it in Raees (2017) or Raat Akeli Hai (2020). How do you make it seem different in each film?

When I play a cop, the uniform remains the same, but the person behind it is entirely different. His background is different, his childhood is different, his past is different, and his thought process is different. That's why all the characters are distinct from one another. While playing these roles, I never go for their popular perception. Whenever I imagine a character, I always take real-life references. I never take references from other films to play my character. In Rautu Ka Raaz, my character stays in the mountains, and then I think of how people in the mountains live. What would be their pace of existing? So, in that respect, to break the perception of how a cop is traditionally played, I think this is a good experiment.

Your last three films were Saindhav, Haddi (2023), and Tiku Weds Shiru (2023) and they were entirely different from each other. Has your method of selecting films changed in the past few years?

I believe, as an actor, you are always known for your choices. You are not known for your hits or flops. In the 60s-70s as well, there were some who were experimenting through their work like Guru Dutt and Balraj Sahni. But there were many stars too whom everyone liked. But even at that time, some were experimenting and their choices were very different. We still remember them today. So, I think the real talent lies in your choice. It's important to experiment, to discover something. Even if you fail sometimes, it's okay.

Your filmography has a fair share of dark roles and lighter comedy roles. Which ones do you enjoy doing more?

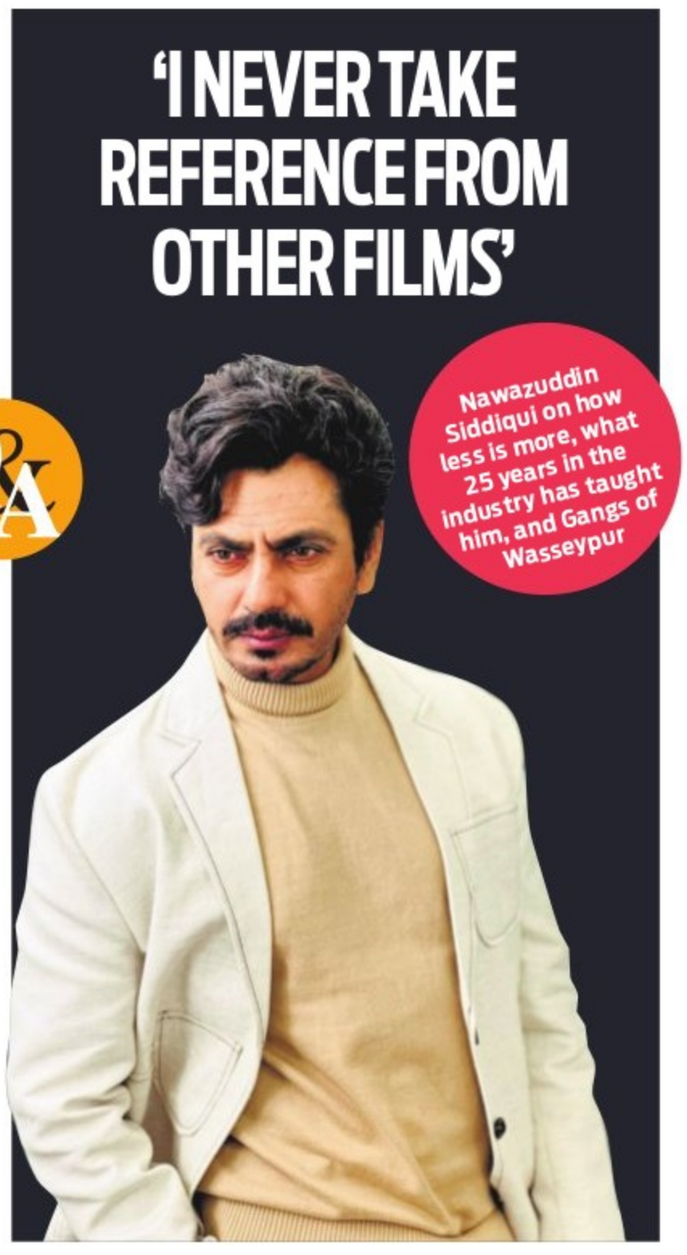
I don't have any preference or liking to play a particular role. I experiment with comedy and I enjoy doing that. If you play only one kind of role, you tend to get bored, and it becomes a routine job. However, doing different types of roles is like taking up new challenges.

You will complete 25 years in the industry this year since your first appearance in Sarfarosh in 1999. What changes have you observed in yourself in these past years in terms of being an actor and a person?

There have been many changes. Earlier, I wanted to put everything into my performance. I wanted to show my skills to everyone to let them know what I have. But now, nothing of that sort has remained within. It's rather the opposite. I just think of what not to do while performing. I try to do less and create more boundaries around my performance.

So, is there something in the popular understanding of acting that you would never want to do?

In terms of acting, I don't like to make my performances seem indulgent. Like doing a lot for a small scene. Other than that, there is nothing that I would never do. I want to do work in all kinds of films, be it commercial or arthouse. Because as an actor, commercial films are worthy experiments for me to see how I can be comfortable with mainstream sensibilities.



MANJUMMEL BOYS DIRECTOR CHIDAMBARAM TO DEBUT IN HINDI

CE FEATURES

Director Chidambaram, best known for helming the Malayalam film *Manjummel Boys,* is all set to make his Hindi debut with a film backed by Phantom Studios. Welcoming Chidambaram to the Phantom family, CEO Srishti Behl stated, "We have always been a creative-oriented company empowering directors to do some of their best work with Phantom. In this new world where language no longer restricts filmmakers, we intend to bring unique voices from diverse regions into Hindi cinema to craft narratives that transcend linguistic boundaries."

On the studio's association with the Manjummel Boys director, Srishti added, "Chidambaram is the ideal person for us to collaborate with. His unique vision and storytelling prowess align perfectly with our creative ethos at Phantom Studios. Speaking about the collaboration, Chidambaram, who made his directorial debut with *Jan.E.Man* (2021), said, "Although *Manjummel Boys* will always remain special, I am honored and excited to collaborate with Phantom Studios for my first Hindi feature film. It's an opportunity to explore new narratives and reach out to a wider audience, while staying true to the essence of storytelling that defines my work."

Chidambaram